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THE DAY

The Way Ahead

THE ratification of the Paris pacts rearming Western Germany and admitting her as a member of NATO has now been virtually completed. With the passage of the treaties through the French Senate yesterday the last obstacle has been cleared.

No legislative difficulties are expected in the three countries—Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—which have still to complete the process of ratification. This is expected shortly and the suggestion is that German military groups will be formed by the Autumn and will be ready for integration with the armies of her Western neighbours early next year.

It is hard to judge true reaction in the West. The politicians and statesmen who have for more than five years striven tirelessly to nurture the ideal of Western unity may claim they have now created a solid front against Communism, that Europe is at last on the threshold of mobilisation and that their governments have achieved a "position of strength" from which they might profitably negotiate with the Russians.

BUT notice there is no excessive jubilation, no wild rejoicing in Paris, Washington and London, although undoubtedly there is profound relief that France has at last made her decision. The satisfaction and sense of achievement expressed by the statesmen is tempered by the realisation that though they have succeeded in planting their troublesome tree they may still never see the fruits of their labour.

The uneasiness that stems from the belief that ratification may be a new barrier to the solution of East-West problems has grown from a low murmur of protest in the last three months to something of a general clamour in Britain, Europe and even America. The question is whether Russia will pursue her threats to the West now that German rearmament is assured or whether she will partake in a new attempt to settle outstanding post-war issues.

Marshal Bulganin's statement on Saturday night welcoming President Eisenhower's views on Big Power talks suggested that Russia had accepted ratification as a virtual fait accompli and may yet agree to new negotiations in spite of it. The comparatively mild and even reasonable comment by Tass yesterday on the French Senate vote reinforces the impression that Kremlin policy has undergone another change in the last few days which augurs well for the future. Soviet tactics, however, may prove to be deceptive and it is necessary for the Big Three to proceed cautiously, neither exploiting the advantage they have gained by ratification, nor succumbing to precipitate action in their dealings with Russia.

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Election  
Date, New  
Guessing  
Pastime

London, Mar. 27. The political topic now threatening to oust even Sir Winston Churchill's expected retirement from first place is whether the general election will be held in May, June or October.

Two dates are strongly tipped—May 28 as the most likely, and October 25 as a good alternative. A third, though not so greatly favoured possibility, is June 16.

It seems generally accepted that whichever is chosen, Sir Anthony Eden, the 57-year-old Foreign Secretary, will have succeeded Sir Winston Churchill as Prime Minister and will lead the Conservative Party in the election campaign.

EFFECT ON ECONOMY  
Advocates of a May election claim the government is being advised by the banks, the City of London and Treasury experts that the election should take place as soon as possible after Sir Anthony Eden's succession.

Chief argument advanced by the early election advocates is that a long period of public election fever and uncertainty would react unfavourably on Britain's business and commercial life and the nation's whole economy.

Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is said to favour a May contest. Political sources add it is only human that some of the government's supporters should also have in mind the present division and squabbles of the Labour opposition, now climaxed by a move for the expulsion of Mr Aneurin Bevan, rebellious left-winger.

But the government has let it be known this will not be the decisive factor in its choice of date.

THE POINT  
Full-scale county council elections to be held throughout England and Wales at an early moment will influence the government in settling the timing.

These contests, beginning Thursday week, will be regarded as a major "rehearsal" for a national parliamentary poll, and should provide valuable guidance on how the government's stock now stands in the country after 3½ years in office.—*Reuter.*

ATOMIC AA  
WEAPON

Washington, Mar. 27. An atomic air-to-aircraft weapon is to be tested during the current series of nuclear explosions in the Nevada desert, the American Atomic Energy Commission announced here today.

The commission communique said the weapon would explode several miles up in the air. The communique said, the anti-aircraft weapons would considerably strengthen the United States air defence system. They would help fighter squadrons in their task of destroying any enemy bombers before they reached American cities and strategic objectives, the communique added.—*France-Press.*

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A group of conservative Republicans announced today the start of a nation-wide drive to wrest control of the Republican Party from New Dealers and Internationalists.

The group, the Abraham Lincoln National Republican Club, called the drive "the first major break in Republican ranks between Eisenhower Liberals and the so-called Conservative 'Isolationist' wing of the Party". Captain Edgar Bundy, President of the club, said: "The whole Republican electorate

STATE OF EMERGENCY  
IN PAKISTAN  
Gov-Gen. Assumes  
New Powers  
SEEKING TO RESOLVE  
POLITICAL CRISIS

Karachi, Mar. 27. The Governor-General of Pakistan, Mr Ghulam Mohammed, tonight declared a state of emergency and assumed sweeping powers for himself for the second time in six months.

His aim was to cut through Pakistan's confused political and legal crisis and give the 7-year-old nation its first constitution.

It was learned that he will convene a constitutional convention within the next 30 days to ratify a draft constitution the government has already prepared. New general elections will follow adoption of the constitution within 18 months.

Today's action follows many months of crisis during which regional and political factions have questioned the legality of the government itself.

Mr Ghulam Mohammed recently survived a court challenge to his action last October and is dissolving the Constituent Assembly and declaring a state of emergency. Last Monday, the Pakistan Federal Court upheld his right to do this, reversing the decision of a lower court.

Today he assumed the power to amalgamate West Pakistan provinces into one unit and all the authority necessary for the framing of a new constitution.

Last October 24, Mr Ghulam Mohammed, faced with a serious political crisis, dissolved the Constituent Assembly on the grounds that it had lost the confidence of the people, set up a caretaker government and declared a state of emergency in the Dominion.

Last Monday's court decision threw the Pakistan political situation picture into confusion for the Federal Court ruled that a provincial court did not have certain powers because the Constituent Assembly act giving it these powers did not have the Governor-General's signature. But this ruling also invalidated all Assembly laws passed without the Governor-General's signature—46 in seven years.

35 MADE VALID  
Today Mr Mohammed made valid 35 of these laws. But he did not return to the courts the power to issue prerogative writs.

It was by issuing such a writ that the Sindh provincial court invalidated his dissolution of the Assembly. This was the decision reversed by the Federal Court last Monday.

The Governor-General's proclamation came late tonight after the Cabinet had concluded seven days of meetings to overcome the confusion that has prevailed since last Monday's court decision.

Last Monday lower courts, because the Federal Court said they did not have certain powers they had been acting upon, immediately released several prisoners, including seven senior military officers and a newspaper editor convicted in 1953.

Then a Sindh provincial court ruled this move invalid and said the members of the new National Cabinet had no right to hold office.

This was reversed last Monday by the Federal Court, which decided that this Sindh court had no power to issue a writ deciding on the validity of the Governor-General's action.

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of plotting to overthrow the government and set up a military Communist state. The government took emergency measures to return them to prison. Their habeas corpus petitions for release were due to be heard in the Lahore High Court tomorrow.

With tonight's ordinance the Governor-General has full authority to rectify this situation and to take immediate steps to implement the government's plans for a new constitution, the draft of which has already been prepared.

NO CONSTITUTION  
Pakistan has been without a written constitution since its establishment as a separate dominion with India, the other predominantly Hindu part of the subcontinent, in August, 1947.

The Constituent Assembly, elected to promulgate a constitution, has in fact been functioning as a legislature. After the death of Liaquat Ali Khan, the country's first Prime Minister, his Muslim League Party broke up into quarrelling factions.

This and the regionalism in this country, geographically divided into two separated parts, brought on political instability that by last year made the government impotent to deal with the economic and political circumstances. Famine and civil disorder threatened in some areas.

The climax came when representatives from Bengal, which contains more than the country's population, rushed through the Assembly a bill divesting the Governor-General of many powers and repealing a disqualification act under which some of them faced prosecution. There was talk of secession by Bengal province.

INVALIDATION RULING  
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"Don't Leave  
Party"  
Urges Bevan

Doncaster, Mar. 27. Mr Aneurin Bevan today made his first public appearance since his expulsion from the Parliamentary Labour Party and urged his supporters not to quit the organisation in sympathy.

He told a miners' union meeting that some Socialists had written to him saying they proposed to leave the Party.

"I hope they will not do any such thing," Mr Bevan said. "Our movement is very much bigger than any individual and I urge them to remain and work inside the Labour movement, do all they can in local elections and work in the general election—which cannot be far off—for the return of the Labour government."

NOT WEAKNESS  
He made some oblique references to the present Labour Party dispute, commenting: "Do not for one moment imagine that this is a sign of weakness. It is a sign of life and vitality."

"All that is needed is that the discussions shall be allowed to go on in a spirit of toleration without personal recrimination." Mr Bevan is due to appear before a Labour Party tribunal on Tuesday which will demand his resignation if he will in future play Party rulings. If he does not give it, he faces possible expulsion from the Party itself.

"I am not full of self pity at all about the present situation," he said. "On the contrary, I know that these phases must be got through if the Labour movement is to win through to a new period of vitality and progress."—*Reuter.*

CYCLONE HITS  
QUEENSLAND

Brisbane, Mar. 27. A tropical cyclone, battered the southern Queensland coast tonight for the second time in less than a month with winds up to 70 miles an hour.

Torrential rains—46 inches in five hours—threatened floods here and in New South Wales to the south.

The cyclone, moving southwards, ripped its way through small towns and plantations. At Yandina, 70 miles north of here, two churches were wrecked, eight houses had their roofs blown off and a railway wagon was tipped off the rails.—*Reuter.*

Nehru For India

Paris, Mar. 27. Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru will visit the Soviet Union in the early part of June, Soviet Tass News Agency reported tonight.—*France-Press.*

London Still  
Paperless

London, Mar. 27. The presses of Fleet Street were silent again tonight as the strike of 700 electricians and maintenance engineers which has halted Britain's national newspapers, moved towards its fourth day with no settlement in sight.

No newspaper has been printed in London since the two unions withdrew their labour early last Friday to enforce claims for a higher pay rise than that offered to printing trade unions.—*Reuter.*

VIETNAM CRISIS

Warlords  
Discuss  
Offer

Saigon, Mar. 27. Delegates of South Vietnam's warlords drove to Tay Ninh, 55 miles north-west of Saigon, tonight to discuss with Pham Cong Tac, 66-year-old "Pope" of the powerful Cao Dai sect, whether to accept Premier Ngo Dinh Diem's offer of power in a reshuffled cabinet.

As the scene of the struggle for power shifted to the cathedral city, whose garish temples are festooned with dragons, tension in the capital eased slightly.

But Saigon was still packed with Vietnamese national forces and men of the three private armies challenging the Roman Catholic Premier following the expiry yesterday of a five-day ultimatum from the warlords.

Pham Cong Tac controls the biggest of the three private armies who three weeks ago sank their differences and formed a "united national front" demanding government reform and immediate elections to a National Assembly.

Eight ministers representing the Cao Dai, Hoa Hao and Binh Xuyen private armies in the Diem Cabinet decided to resign today, claiming they were not given enough power.

SURPRISE OFFER  
But at a luncheon Cabinet meeting, Diem offered to replace his personal friends in the government with ministers of private armies and other nationalist groups in an attempt to end the dangerous crisis.

His offer came as a surprise. Four of the ministers who did try to resign did not have their resignations accepted. They, too, went to confer with Pham Cong Tac.

After a night of tension in Saigon, Mr Diem declared he wanted to see the leaders of the private armies, to ask them whom they wanted in the government and what programme they had in mind.—*Reuter.*

Dozen  
Convicts  
Rebel

HOLD GUARDS  
AS HOSTAGES

New York, Mar. 27. Twelve prisoners in the Nebraska Penitentiary revolted today, seized two guards as hostages and barricaded themselves in the prison's three-storey security building.

Governor Victor Anderson moved in personally to direct the effort to free the two guards. The guards were held on the third floor of the building, which is used to house prisoners who violate penitentiary rules.

The prisoners, some of them armed, include four men who were placed in the security building for attempted escape recently.

The guards told prison officials in an inter-prison telephone conversation that they had not been harmed.

ARMED WITH KNIVES  
Governor Anderson feared the guards might be hurt if he authorised the use of tear gas or firearms to rout the prisoners. He said demands were expected to be received from the prisoners.

The guards confirmed in the telephone conversation that the inmates were armed with knives. Governor Anderson emphasised, "We've taken every precaution possible, but we won't make any hasty decisions."

He ordered "every available State patrolman in the immediate area" to the prison. The governor said any complaint the inmates had "will be given full hearing but naturally we cannot compromise." There is only one door to the security building and that is covered by guards and patrolmen, standing heavily armed on the prison wall.—*United Press.*

Terrorist Group  
Apprehended

Bone, Algeria, Mar. 27. A highly organised and fanatical terrorist movement last set for action was uncovered by the Algerian police and numerous arrests were made, it was learned here today.

The police were alerted some days ago when considerable quantities of bombs and explosives were discovered in the neighbourhood of Bone in Northeast Algeria.

Their investigations led to the discovery of a complex organisation whose members had all sworn to "fight to the death". Their first objective was to kill all plainclothes police officers.—*France-Press.*

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New Soviet  
Diplomatic  
Strategy  
Envisaged

Washington, Mar. 27. Marshal Bulganin's advocacy of a Big Four conference on Austria has stimulated diplomatic speculation here on a possible "neutrality belt" of non-committed states stretching from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean.

Following French ratification of the German rearmament treaties, Western diplomats assure that the basic Soviet objective will now be to present West German legislation for conscription and setting up West German military training establishments.

Western military spokesmen do not expect complete preparations for a real German contribution to Western European defence for several years yet.

CONVERSION AIM  
The Communists will obviously now aim their diplomacy and propaganda to convert West German public opinion rather than the French—as in recent months—to neutrality.

Portrayal of a "happy and peaceful Austria" recognised by all as neutral in the cold war and any hydrogen bomb war which might follow, it would support the Communists. Diplomatic circles suggested that this appeal to German public opinion might be greater if Austrian and German neutrality were associated with the dramatic concept of a chain of non-committed buffer states, including Sweden and Yugoslavia—stretching from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean.

MAJOR MOVES  
Three major Soviet moves this week supported this interpretation:

The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko's surprise visit to Stockholm, Mr Molotov's invitation to the Austrian Chancellor, Dr Julius Raab to visit Moscow, and Bulganin's suggestion that Big Four talks could begin with discussion to settle the long-delayed Austrian state treaty question providing for a "neutralised" Austria.—*Reuter.*

Chasing Up  
Smuggling Ring

Manila, Mar. 28. Philippine consular officials at Hongkong have been requested to follow up suspect foreign links to smuggling opium and luxury articles uncovered by Customs and Secret Service agents here last Saturday.

The Manila Port Security Division has sent the Philippine suspected of representing the names of firms and persons suspected of representing the Hongkong end of the smuggling syndicate.—*France-Press.*

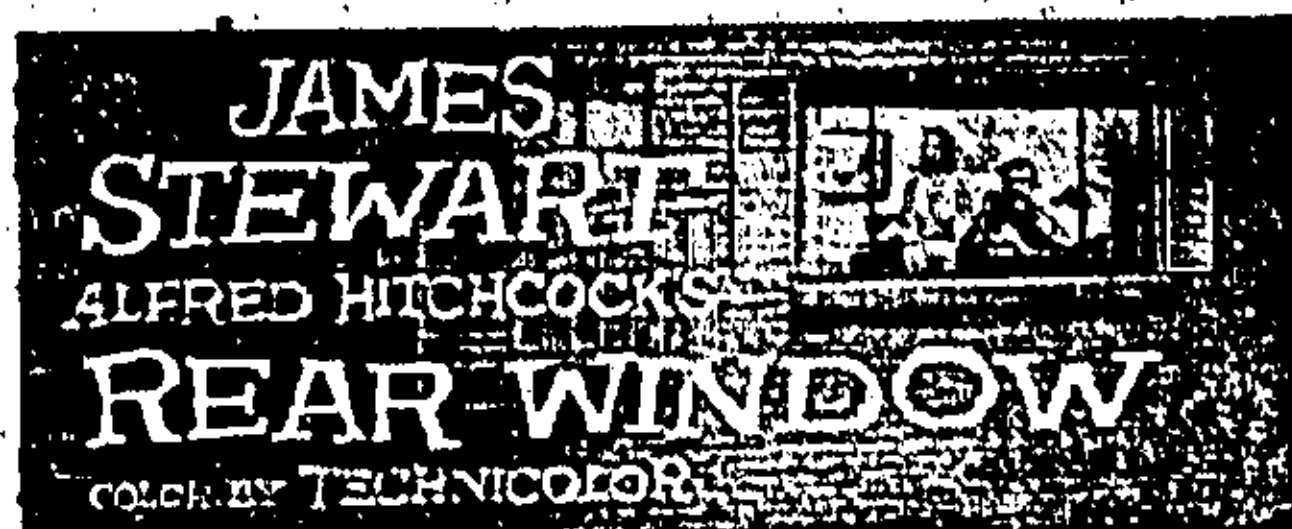


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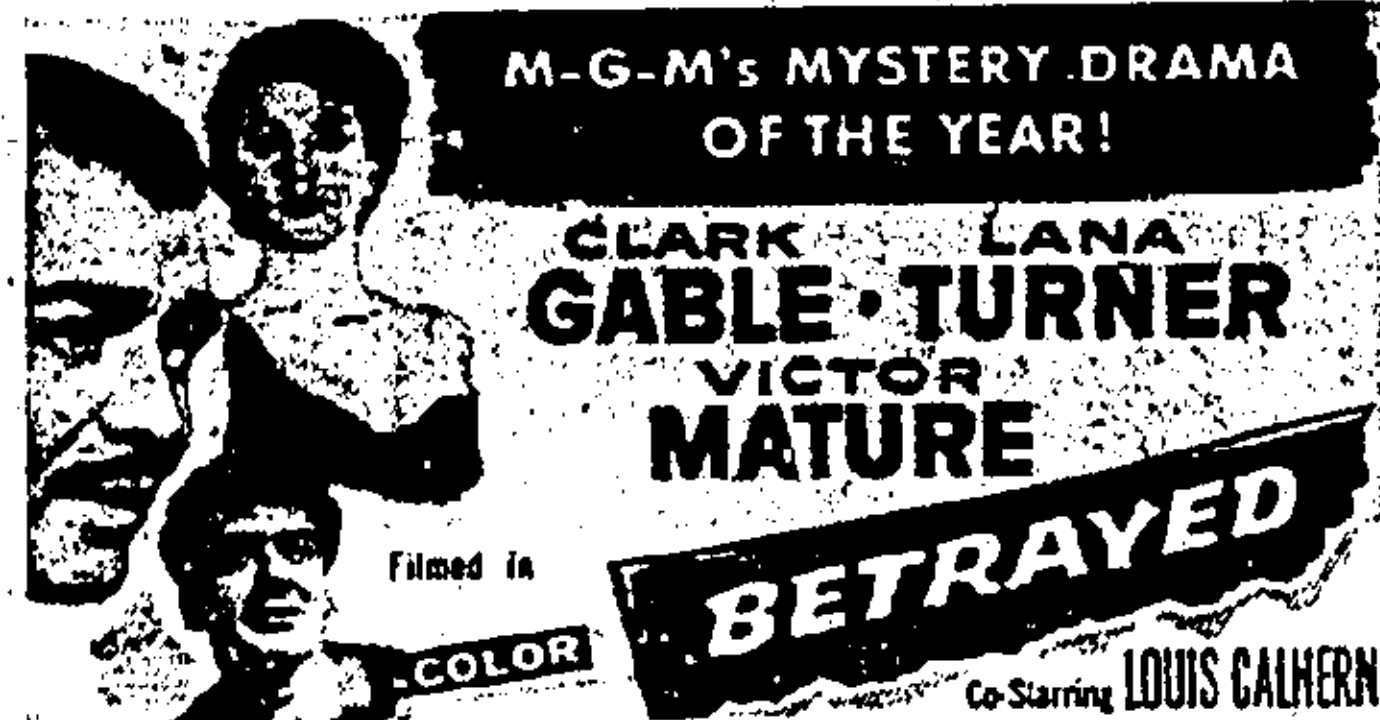


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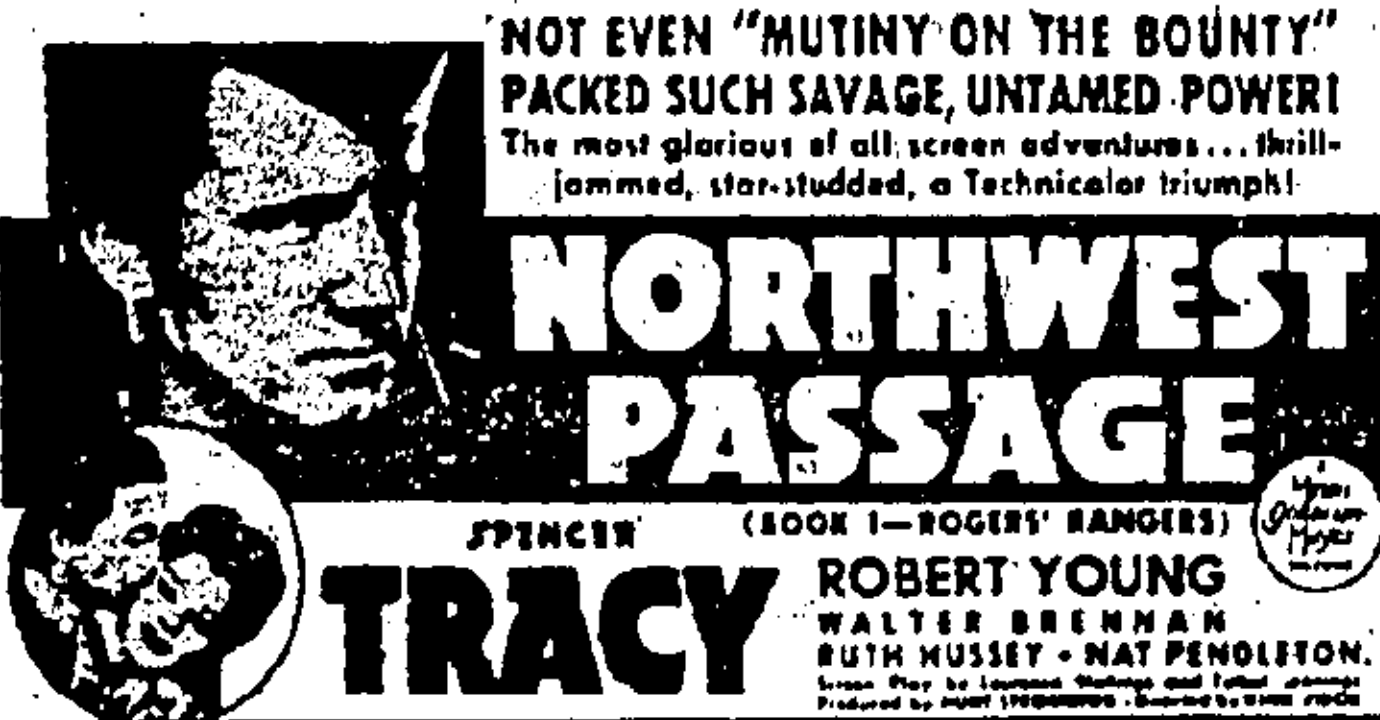
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**STRIKE THREAT IN FRANCE****As The Assembly Prepares For Tax Debate POUJADE RALLYING HIS FORCES**

Paris, Mar. 27. The French National Assembly will debate tomorrow a Government proposal for a "taxpayer's charter" while M. Pierre Poujade has called a shopkeepers strike for tomorrow against present tax laws.

M. Poujade, leader of the new militant anti-tax movement among small shopkeepers and artisans, says he has called his shop strike for tomorrow to coincide with the Assembly debate.

But his critics say he has called it tomorrow because most French tradesmen shut up shop on Monday anyway, and he fears a trial of strength with the Government at this point.

STREET THUNDER. But certainly the Government proposal for the new tax laws are a bid to steal M. Poujade's thunder, and a recognition of this hunky young bookseller with the booming voice as a threat to the authority of the State.

The main points in the charter are the abolition of taxes for many small businesses and the repeal of a law passed last year under which heavy fines and prison sentences can be imposed on people who try to stop officials from collecting taxes.

M. Poujade's movement, the Union for the Defence of Shopkeepers and Artisans, demanded in a statement yesterday that the Government should wipe out all penalties for obstructing tax collectors. The Government's bill contains no reference to the Finance Ministry's flying squad of special inspectors who pounce on tax dodgers. These are a main target of the Poujadist movement, which wants them eliminated.

The bill, which was approved by the Assembly's Finance Committee last week by 21 votes to 18, also asks for an extension until the end of April of the special powers over France's economy and finance granted to the last Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France. The vote on the bill is expected on Tuesday night.

Most Paris shopkeepers have announced through their trade organisations that they will ignore M. Poujade's strike call. But thousands of small businessmen see M. Poujade as the only man fighting for their interests against a creaking taxation system.

ANTI-SEMITIC. To Socialists, Labour leaders, M. Poujade is an ineffectual Fascist, even to his reported anti-Semitic leanings.

His group has avoided enlisting the aid of Jewish shopkeepers, and thinly veiled anti-Semitism has been reported in some of his attacks on ex-Premier Mendes-France.—Reuter.

**'Detectives' Are Probing the mildewed cars riddle****SHIP DEVICE FOR EXPORTS**

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This "detective" has been brought in to help solve a mystery which has been baffling some car manufacturers for years.

TEMPERATURE READINGS. In spite of the fact that Britain's post-war ships are equipped with modern air-conditioning apparatus some cars have been arriving in Australia suffering from mould and mildew.

To throw light on the conditions in the holds of ships the "mechanical detective" was built to record temperatures and humidities at intervals throughout a voyage from the packing shop to the point of delivery.

It consists of an air and light tight container, with a thermometer and hygrometer for temperature and humidity readings. Their dials have been photographed every hour on



The Queen, herself the mother of two children, leaves with the Vicar, the Reverend C.W.F. Bennett, after attending the 'Mothering Sunday' service at the Church of the Holy Cross in Walsfield, Sussex. For the service, the Queen wore a simple Navy coat trimmed with a fur collar, and a dark red hat.—Reuterphoto.

**Queen Attends Church Service****QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA**

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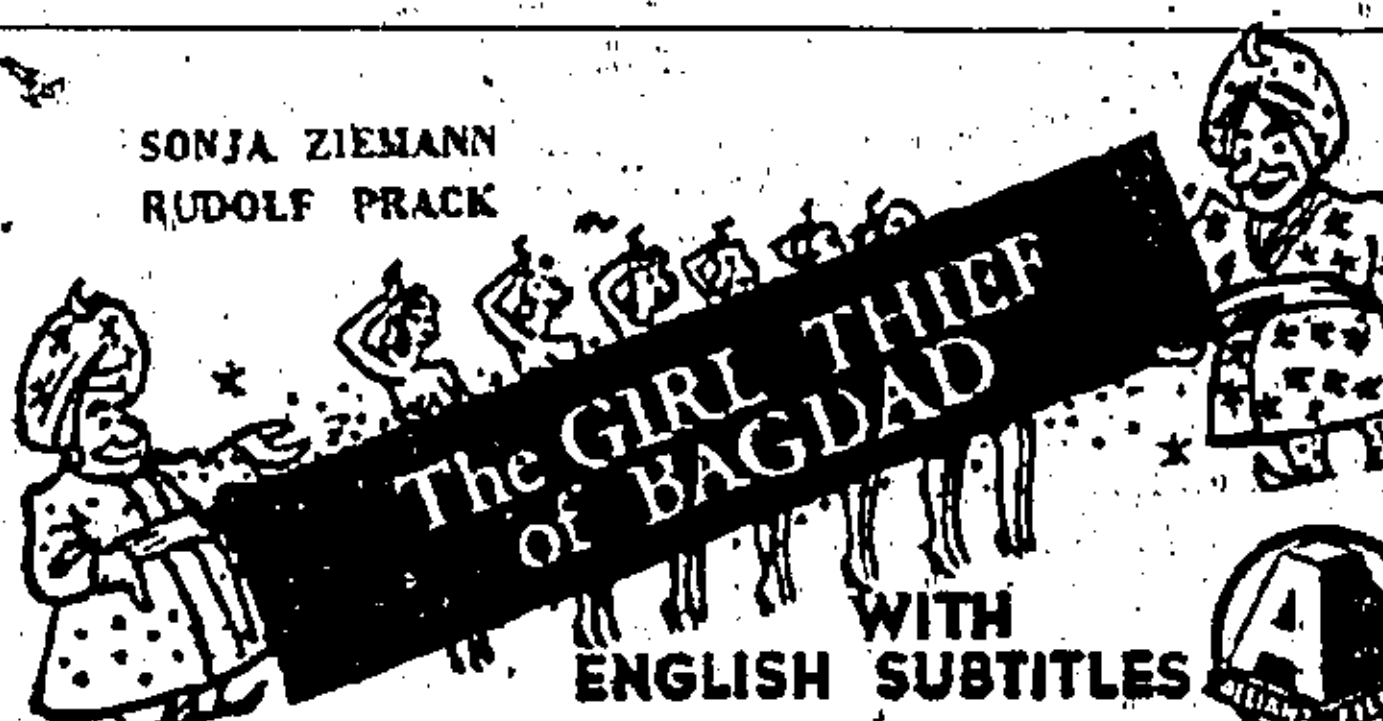


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★ NEXT CHANGE ★

**Chinese Dual Nationality Problem**

Djakarta, Mar. 27. Indonesian talks on the double nationality of more than 1,000,000 Chinese residents of Indonesia were continued yesterday, when Chinese Ambassador Huang Chen conferred with Sukarno Wirjopratomo, head of the Asian Pacific Division of the Indonesian Foreign Ministry. The talks were a continuation of negotiations, which began in Peking.

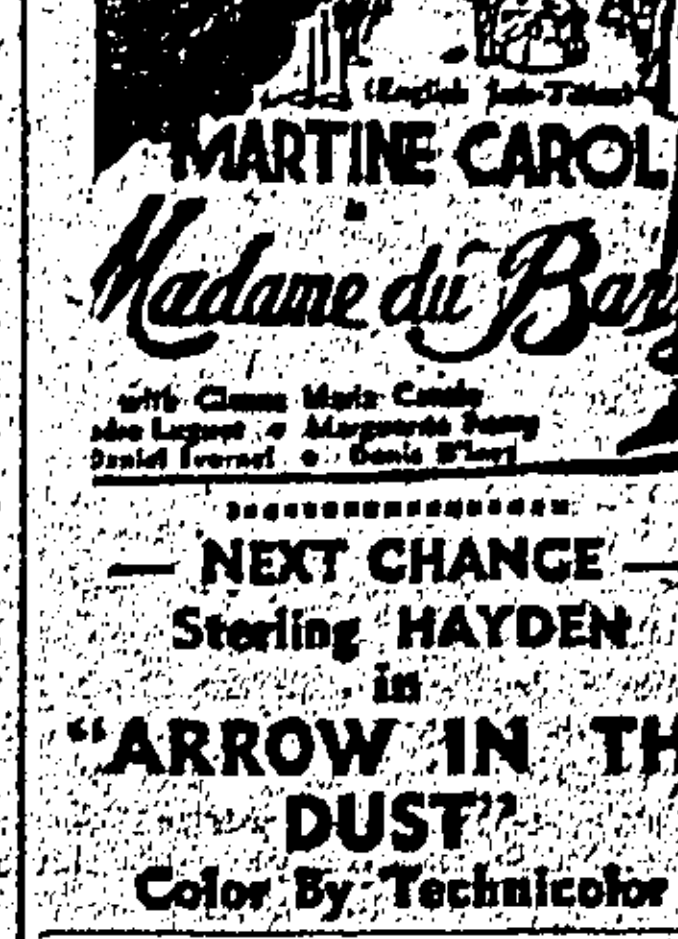
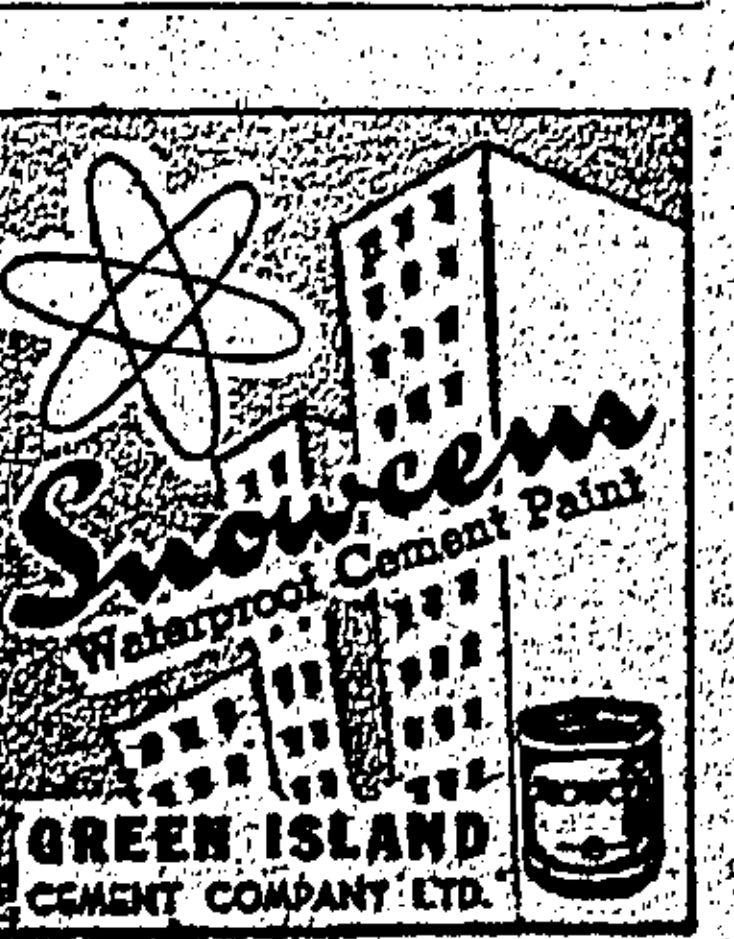
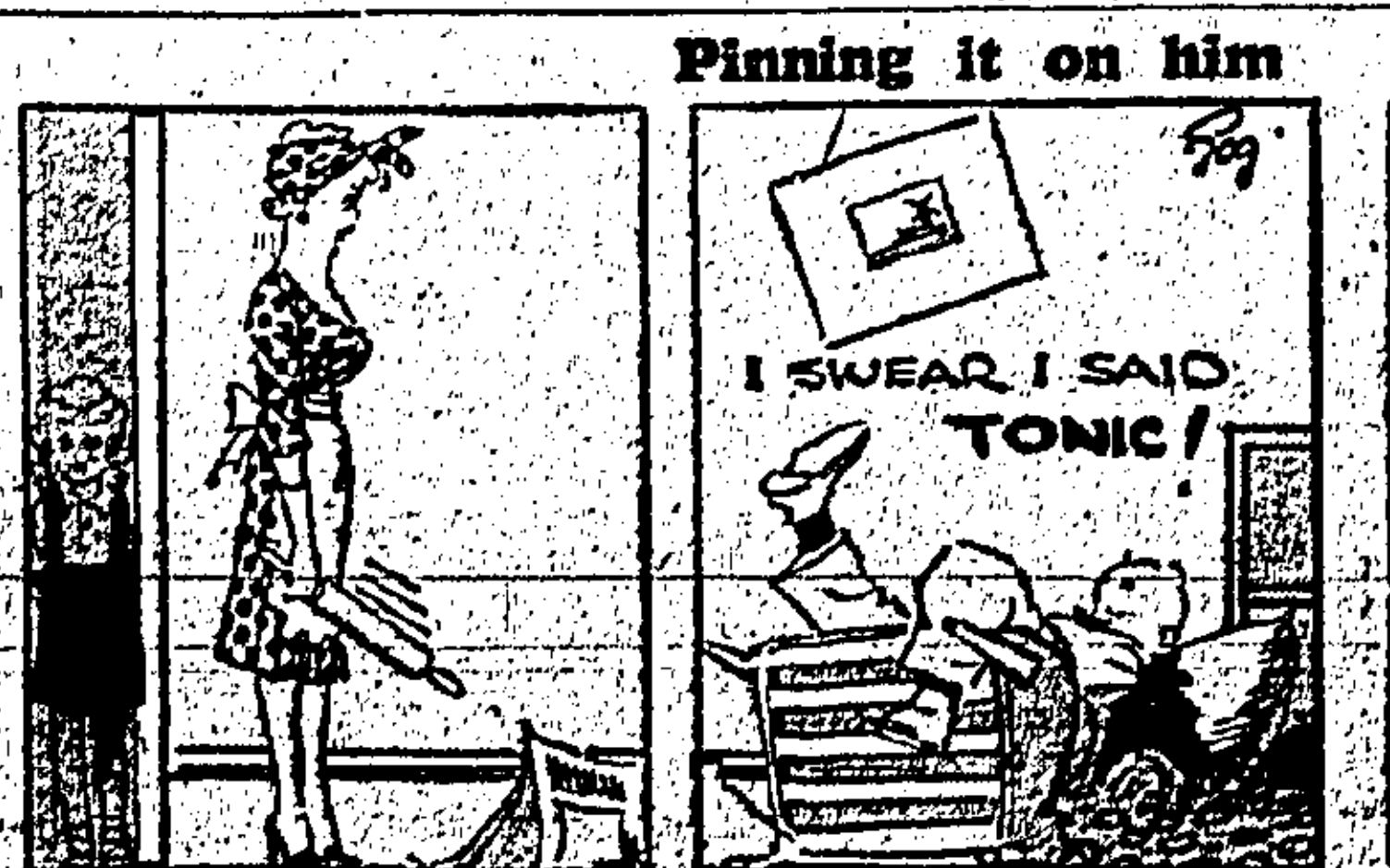
Government circles here hoped that the double citizenship question would be settled before the opening of the Afro-Asian Conference scheduled for April 18 at Bandung.—France-Press.

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# ADENAUER APPLAUDS FRENCH

## RATIFICATION Close Co-operation Now Possible Between The Two Countries



DR. ADENAUER

Bonn, Mar. 27.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, today applauded French approval of the Paris treaties as an "important step towards the establishment of peace in Europe."

Close Franco-German co-operation in an atmosphere of mutual confidence could now begin, he told reporters.

Ratification news brought relief to Government circles here.

### ARDUOUS EFFORT

They regard it as the result of five years of arduous effort by Dr. Adenauer to end the ten-year-old Allied occupation and admit West Germany to the Western Alliance.

From now on her foreign policy will concentrate on solving the "divided" Germany problem. Dr. Adenauer has maintained that treaty ratification would not close the door to full-scale East-West talks on German unity, but, promote them.

Dr. Adenauer wants to proclaim the date on which West Germany acquires her sovereignty as a national holiday. This

political parties would prefer the rearmament treaties and the much disputed Saar agreement to enter into force on a different day.

Diplomatic sources say M. Antoine Pinay, the French Foreign Minister, will meet Dr. Adenauer in Germany on April 17 or 18 to discuss the immediate effects of ratification of the treaties.

Other subjects will be Franco-German economic co-operation and the date for the Saar plebiscite to determine a final peace treaty solution for the coal and iron producing territory.

Dr. Adenauer wants implementation of the rearmament pact to precede a big power conference, because military legislation will certainly provoke Social Democratic opposition and may entail constitutional amendments.

Herr Erich Ollenhauer, opposition Social Democratic Chairman, said his party would continue to press for unification without rearmament.—Reuter.

### US GRATIFICATION

In Washington, the satisfaction which American statesmen feel at the ratification is considerably greater than appears in the soberly worded communiques issued by the State Department today.

For the United States, the ratification represents the crow-

ning achievement of the European policy which it embarked upon with the launching of the Marshall Plan in 1948, and followed up with the Atlantic Alliance.

America has made it clear that this policy must lead on to the reinforcement of Western unity, with Germany playing a full part in all Europe's undertakings.

The goal has not yet been reached since the Paris Agreements have still to be ratified in several countries and it will be years before the Atlantic Alliance can count on an effective German army.

But with the French ratification, Washington considers that a milestone has been reached. Observers here believe that American foreign policy will continue to be based on support for Western European unity and the Atlantic Alliance, and that the "drastic revision" which Secretary of State John Foster Dulles warned might be necessary in the event of Europe remaining divided will not now take place.

### GREAT IMPORTANCE

Great importance is attached to the promise of Franco-German reconciliation which the Paris agreements seem to foreshadow.

It has been evident for some time that the United States considered European unity as an essential preliminary to an understanding with Russia. From this point of view, the ratification is seen by Washington as a major check to Soviet diplomacy, and puts the Western Allies in the "position of strength" considered as a prerequisite to any negotiations with the Soviet Union.

This theory appears to be confirmed by the Soviet Premier Marshal Nikolai Bulganin on Saturday who said, in a statement to the Press, that Russia would consider taking part in the "exploratory conversations" mentioned on Wednesday last by President Eisenhower.—France-Press.

## Hatoyama To Reply On A-Bomb Stockpiling

Tokyo, Mar. 27.  
The newspaper Yomiuri said today Premier Ichiro Hatoyama is preparing an official reply to questions in the Diet on United States stockpiling of atom bombs in Japan.

The newspaper said the Government decision stemmed from charges by Communist Diet member Mr. Kanichi Kawakami that Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama's answers are "vague."

Mr. Kawakami questioned Mr. Hatoyama on Saturday about the Prime Minister's statement recently before a Press conference with foreign correspondents that Japan would consent to stockpiling atom bombs here if the motive was to assure maintenance of peace.

Mr. Kawakami demanded a straightforward answer from Mr. Hatoyama at Saturday's House budget committee session whether he favoured making Japan a base for atom bombs for the United States.

"I cannot now say whether I will permit or not permit the United States to stockpile atom bombs in Japan," Mr. Hatoyama replied. "I have no alternative than to consider the question when a request is actually made by the United States."—United Press.

## FOUR MEN RESCUED AT SEA

New York, Mar. 27.  
A New York city surgeon and three other men were rescued by the Coast Guard from a foundering sailboat today in sub-freezing temperatures after high winds ripped the mainsail and jib of their 40-foot craft to shreds.

The surgeon was identified as Dr. Herbert Parsons, owner of the sailboat, Ariel IV. Dr. Parsons said the other three men were relatives. The boat's auxiliary engine could not cope with the 10-foot waves. Winds were clocked at 43 miles an hour at the time.—United Press.

Pietermaritzburg, Mar. 27.  
A coloured woman who, if her claims were correct, was born seven years before Queen Victoria came to the throne in 1837, has died at Pietermaritzburg, outside Pietermaritzburg.

At one time she was thought to be the second oldest living person in the world. Sophia (Granny) van der Merwe claimed to be 124 years old.—China Mail Special.

## They'll sail the world—Arab style

London, Mar. 27.  
Two young men are quitting their homes in Kensington to sail a 34-ton Arab dhow round the world, using the oldest aids to navigation.

The stone will be mounted in a stick floating in water. Arab seamen called their ocean for centuries with the same instrument. But there is no record of a dhow crossing the Pacific to America—halfway stage of the voyage by the ancient method.

Twenty-six-year-old Donald Currie, one of the dhow masters, spent weeks at the British Museum studying seamanship, Arab style. He said last night: "The vessel will be provisioned with rice, dates, and salted meat."

Currie's companion will be Tim Curtis, who served in the Australian Merchant Navy.

## Bronze Medal Of Fleming



## Snake Killed In Second Attempt

Melbourne, Mar. 27.  
Twelve-year-old Janice Hinchcliffe was bitten five times on the foot and leg by a snake while playing on a garden lawn with other children.

Mr. A. B. Lyons, who killed the snake identified it as one he tried to kill two years ago. The snake still bore scars of the wounds Mr. Lyons had inflicted on it—China Mail Special.

## ECAFE States Willing To Co-operate

Tokyo, Mar. 28.  
At the opening of the 11th plenary session this morning, Dr. P. S. Lokanathan, Executive Secretary of ECAFE, declared that there was ample evidence that countries belonging to the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East are willing to co-operate.

He pointed out that one of the paramount objectives of the Commission is to foster regional co-operation.

Fortunately, he added, there is ample evidence that the countries are willing to co-operate in a number of ways and also have indicated the direction in which such co-operation is possible.

**COMMON PROBLEMS**  
Such regional co-operation among groups of countries having common problems and similar interests will tend to pave the way for more extensive and co-ordinated activity in the field of planning, he stated.

Co-ordination of development plans among the countries of the region will naturally result in avoiding expensive use of resources and consequent difficulties in marketing.

Dr. Lokanathan went on: "It must, of course, be clearly recognised that the governments themselves would have to take the responsibility, but the Commission could, at least, help in providing information and analysis as the basis for inter-governmental actions."

As an example of further opportunities for consultation in planning and trade, he said, the survey of 1954 revealed that there is a need for a close understanding among the producing and consuming countries with regard to trade in rice and also for co-ordination of development plans so as to ensure the best possible use of the available factors of production.

**GREATEST CHALLENGE**  
Dr. Lokanathan said the economic problems of Asia provide the greatest challenge not only for Asian countries but for the entire world today. He stated it was also fitting that the session should meet in Japan which, by her geographic position and economic development, has a special contribution to make to the potential of the Asian region.—France-Press.

## Gaza Incident Commission Blames The Egyptians

Tel-Aviv, Mar. 27.  
The Egypt-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission today condemned Egypt for last week's attack on the Israeli settlement of Patish by infiltrators from the Gaza strip.

The attackers threw hand-grenades into a crowd attending a wedding celebration, killing one woman and wounding 18 persons, including six women, three children and an infant in arms.

Meeting here in an urgent session, the Mixed Armistice Commission ruled that the attack, perpetrated on March 24 by two armed men from the Egyptian-held Gaza strip was a

brutal and murderous act of aggression and noted "with grave concern the aggravation of the serious situation of the Israeli-Egyptian border."

Later, an Israeli army spokesman announced tonight that one Egyptian soldier was wounded by Israeli fire in a new Gaza strip border incident.

He said the Egyptian soldier was wounded when an Israeli patrol opened fire on four Egyptian soldiers who had penetrated into Israeli territory from the Gaza strip.

## GROW OLD AND GET A PENSION OVERNIGHT

Singapore, Mar. 27.

From Brunel, the small sultanate in Borneo, have come reports of a strange illness that afflicts large numbers of the population—"contagious senility."

Symptoms are sudden loss of muscular control, loss of memory and general debility, usually afflicting the middle-aged. In some cases, the victims appear to age 20 years overnight.

And the cause? Old age pensions!

Says the columnist Cynicus, writing in the Straits Times, "Brunel is to introduce old age pensions at the end of this month, thanks to its oil wells."

**NO CERTIFICATES**  
"As so many of the inhabitants have no birth certificates, and simply do not know when they were born, compilation of the old age register presents unusual difficulty. In case of real doubt a medical examination decides the point. Hence the wave of contagious senility."

"The doctors became so over-worked that the Government hospital will no longer accept anyone for examination without a written statement from a responsible person stating that there is reason to believe that the applicant is of pensionable age."

The doctors found that only one in 20 was anywhere near the age of 60, and that many quite obviously were under 40.—France-Press.

## Man Plants More Than 6 Million Trees

Johannesburg, Mar. 27.  
Mr. Otto Brandmuller, South Africa's leading arboriculturist, has planted more than 6,000,000 trees since 1893.

Last week, he celebrated his 90th birthday by holding a party round a California Redwood tree. He planted it from seed on his 86th birthday. It is at present only four feet high, but the Redwood is considered to be the biggest tree in the world, growing to a height of 200 feet, and having a life span of some 3,000 years. Mr. Brandmuller intends to be buried under this tree.

### BEAUTY SPOTS

The forests he has planted are among the leading "beauty spots" in South Africa. At Macquary on the Vaal River, there are 4,000,000 oak trees. A herd of Scottish-spotted deer roams in this sanctuary.

Mr. Brandmuller started the herd by giving the Pretoria Zoo 100 bags of acorns in exchange for a buck and a doe.

Mr. Brandmuller was pensioned in 1936, after 44 years of work, but even in his "retirement" he has covered 400 acres with trees of 100 varieties, and at 90 he is still indefatigably planting trees.—France-Press.

## STRIKE APPEAL IN CASABLANCA

Casablanca, Mar. 27.  
Appeals to the workers to strike were plastered in Arabic over the walls of a house in the new Arab quarter of Casablanca today.

The strike was called for March 30—the anniversary of the signing of the protectorate treaty with France in 1912.

A similar appeal last year resulted in numerous work stoppages.—France-Press.

## Concentration Of Troops Denied By Turkey

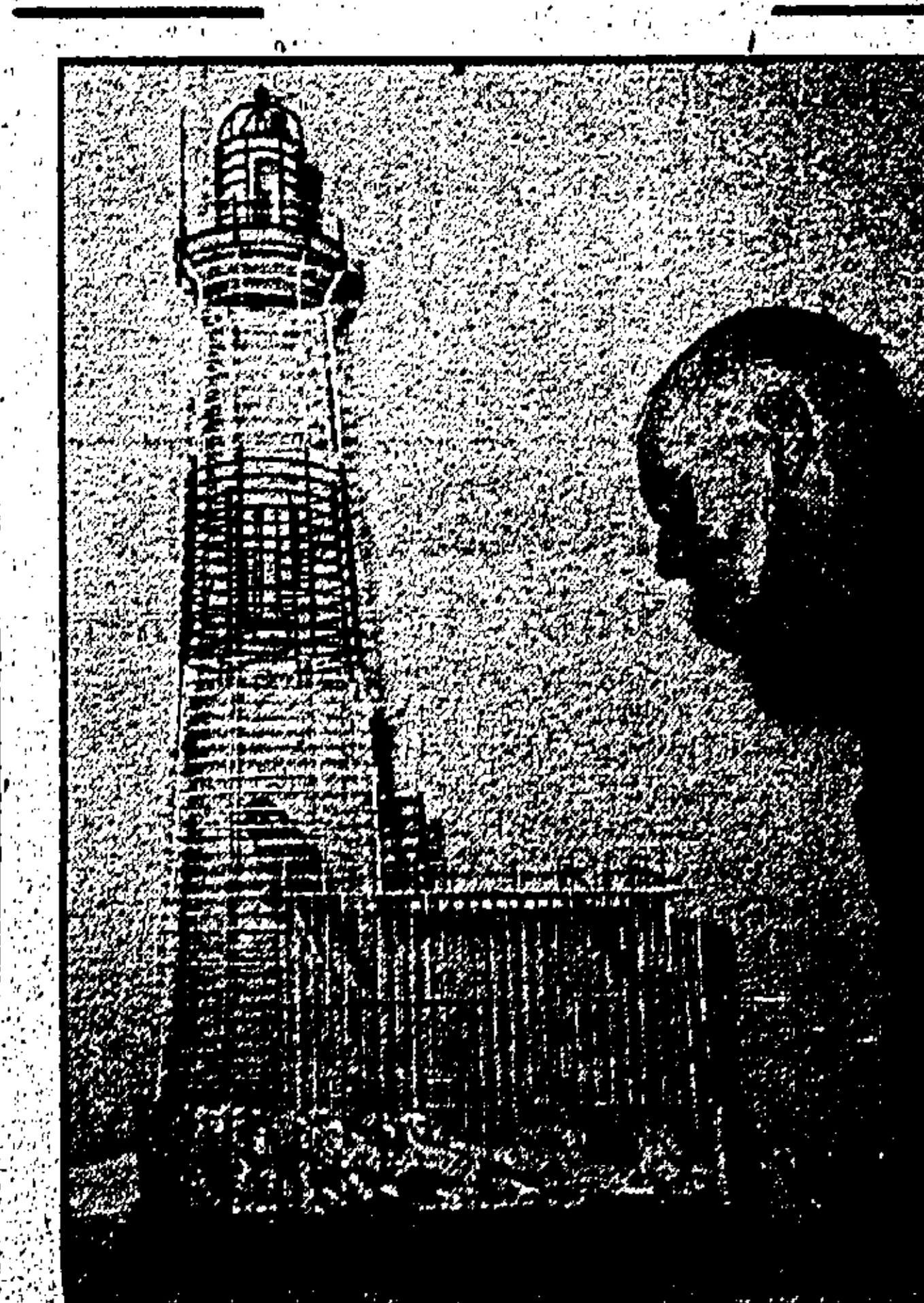
Damascus, Mar. 27.  
Khaled el Azem, Syrian Foreign Minister, said here today that the new Turkish Minister in Damascus had categorically denied a report that Turkish troops had been concentrated on the Turco-Syrian frontier.

The Foreign Minister told the Turkish Minister it was incorrect that Syrian planes had flown over Turkish territory.

He added that, despite recent events, the Syrian Government continued to deal with the situation calmly and with moderation, so as to keep up good relations with Turkey.

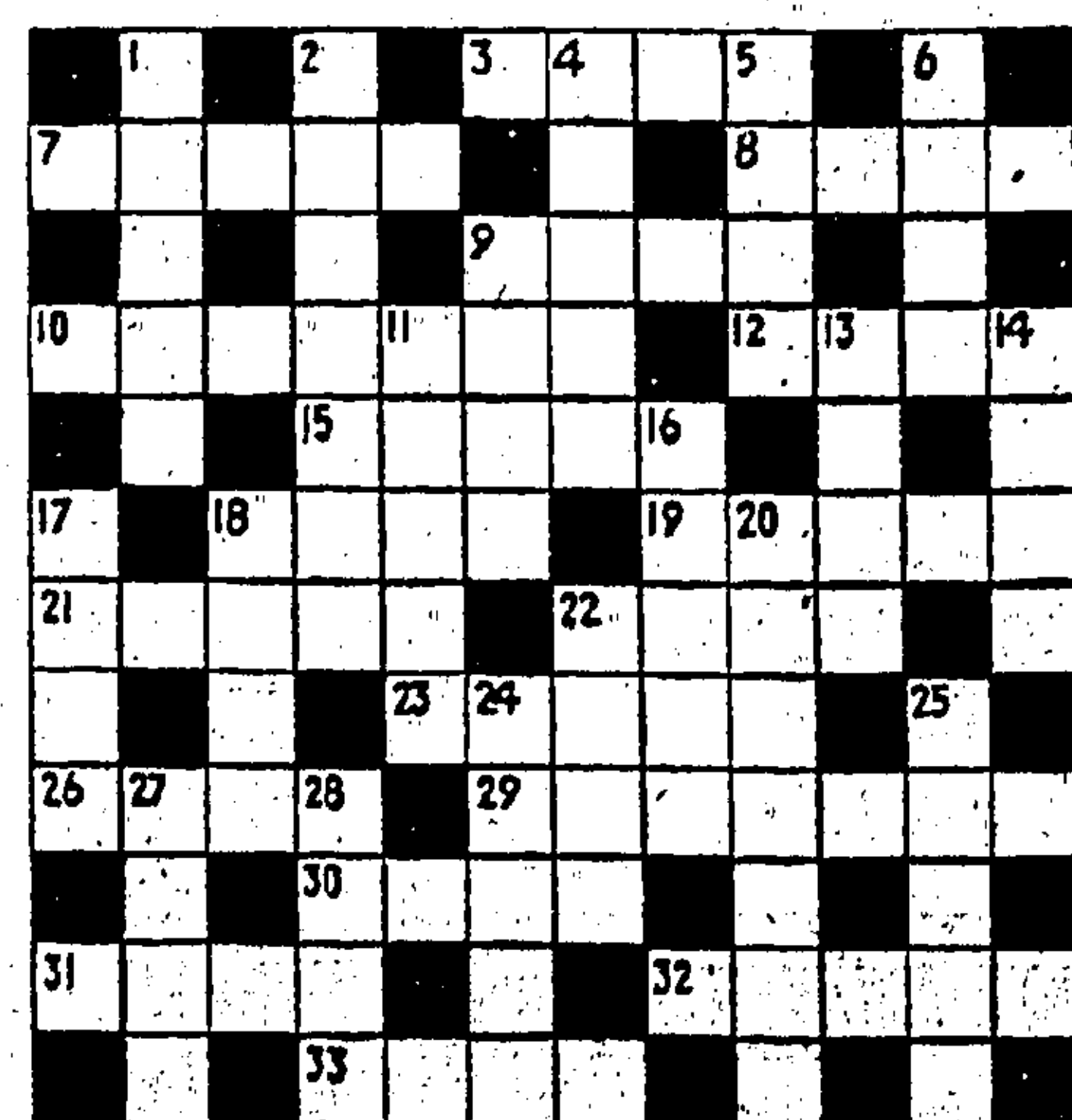
The alleged flights of the Syrian planes was the subject of a Turkish note handed to the Syrian Legation in Ankara yesterday.—France-Press.

## Lighthouse Bird Cage



Mr. Gordon Carter of Eastbourne took six weeks to make this wire model of Beachy Head Lighthouse using 540 pieces of wire in the work. The purpose? A novel home for a bird-singer. The unusual cage is topped by a light which flashes once every 15 seconds, controlled by an electric clock.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- | ACROSS                       | DOWN                |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 3 Scotch (4).                | 1 Skilled (5).      |
| 7 Bedeck (7).                | 2 Grapple with (7). |
| 8 Accustomed (4).            | 4 Refuse (5).       |
| 9 Smooth (4).                | 5 Sequences (4).    |
| 10 Incident (7).             | 6 Bill of fare (4). |
| 22 Self-satisfied (4).       | 9 Paradise (4).     |
| 16 Tendency (5).             | 11 Speak (5).       |
| 18 Scheme (4).               | 13 Injure (4).      |
| 19 Sends out (5).            | 14 Spout forth (4). |
| 21 Welcome (5).              | 10 Minder (5).      |
| 22 Article (4).              | 17 Old (4).         |
| 23 Duck (5).                 | 18 Ring (4).        |
| 26 Valley (4).               | 20 Deserved (7).    |
| 29 Grave (7).                | 22 Notion (4).      |
| 30 Passport endorsement (4). | 24 Offspring (5).   |
| 31 Splendid (4).             | 25 Teacher (4).     |
| 32 Criminal (3).             | 27 Fetched (4).     |
| 33 Regretful (4).            | 28 Always (4).      |

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Barbel, 7 Evil, 9 Error, 10 Solar, 11 Elze, 13 Constraints, 15 Toll, 16 Veil, 19 Dependent, 22 Laid, 24 Total, 25 Trail, 26 Tote, 27 Sudden. Down: 2 Aspin, 3 Benet, 4 Lascar, 5 Rejected, 6 Alms, 8 Valse, 12 Zelig, 13 Agony, 14 Selected, 17 Laid, 18 Spills, 20 Noted, 21 Brude, 23 Attack.



## BARBED WIRE GOES ON THE NEWSMAP

## AN URGENT JOB FOR TEMPLER

By SEFTON DELMER

THERE is an old tradition in the British Colonial Service that no man should ever revisit in an official capacity territory which he has ruled as Governor-General.

Well, I trust that no inhibition of this kind is going to stop Sir Gerald Templer from revisiting Malaya.

It is of top urgency that he should fly out here at the earliest opportunity and give both Malaya and Singapore the once-over in his new capacity as Empire anti-Communist trouble-shooter No. 1 to Defence Minister Macmillan.

What is more, when he does come let us make sure there is no silly inter-departmental jealousy which forces a general to confine his attention to purely military matters.

He must have the widest and fullest authority to look into everything, even if it means intruding on strictly civilian and political fields.

## Dropped Back

For all the dynamism and drive of Templer's personality would not have gained him his great victory over the Communists in Malaya if Churchill had not given him authority over the civilian as well as the military machine. He will require that kind of power again.

Frankly, I fear Templer is going to be a bit disappointed when he looks at what has been happening in Malaya since his departure last June. I certainly am. For we have dropped back into the old departmentalism here now that Templer and his emergency powers have departed.

Much of that zest which Templer had managed to infuse into the public services seems to have given way to tired old complacency.

The confidence in future stability and security, which Templer had managed to awaken once more in this multi-racial population—shocked by Japanese occupation and the Communist

—looks to me to be in danger of seeping away again.

I have seen quite a few examples of this.

The Chinese millionaire is a good example of the kind of thing I mean. This man has vast and valuable holdings in Malaya. One of his directors—

Australian—was urging him recently to instal new machinery in their Malayan plant.

## Getting Out

The Chinese looked at his Australian adviser.

"My friend," he said, "we don't invest another cent in Malaya. The British are getting out of Malaya. We don't know what's coming after. But the British are staying in Borneo. They will continue to rule there. That's where we are going to put our cash."

Not only he, but many other Chinese business men are betting that the primitiveness and backwardness of the people of Borneo, plus the wealth of the country's mineral resources, will preserve it for many years to come from the subversive blessings of self-rule.

The other day I drove down the long winding road from Kuala Lumpur to Singapore, which runs through some of Malaya's worst terrorist areas. On the way I passed through many of the so-called new villages. These are settlements surrounded by high barbed-wire stockades and equipped with schools, shopping centres, clinics, welfare halls, and excellent houses.

Here Templer had settled the Chinese squatters whom he had rounded up in the jungle so that they should not be able to go on helping the terrorists.

## Broken Down

The purpose of these barbed-wire stockades is to prevent anyone from entering or leaving the settlement at night without authority—an essential precaution if you are trying to cut off terrorists from all sources of arms, food, and information.

When I last did a trip of this kind Templer was in charge of the country. The stockades were in tip-top order. The guards were alert and watchful. This time? Well, some of the stockades I saw I wouldn't care to have as fencing on my Suffolk farm.

Now, looking at that broken-down fencing, I was not surprised to hear of the deterioration that appears to have set in among some sections of the Chinese Home Guards called up from the new settlements to guard and police them.

During the last 18 months there has been an ever-increasing tendency for these Chinese guards to be careless with their arms. A substantial number has been lost to the terrorists.

Home Guard chief Major-General E. B. de Fontenay himself says there is evidence that in some cases terrorists have been allowed into villages to help themselves to Home Guard arms and munitions, and have then been allowed to depart.

Between September 1, 1953, and November 14, 1954, the Home Guards lost a total of 103 guns. Of these, 59 were subsequently recaptured.

Since November last year there have been several further cases for which I have not yet been able to obtain figures.

I wonder whether General Templer will share the complacent view of these losses put to me from the public relations office in Kuala Lumpur.

"When it is considered that every night 30,000 guns were on duty with the Home Guards I don't think that is 'bad' (i.e., the loss of 103 guns in 14 months).

## Bombs Stolen

I also wonder whether General Templer approves the attitude of the R.A.F. over the theft from their airfield at Tengah of 87 five-hundred-lb. bombs. The theft was discovered last July.

Fifty-two bombs had been seen in half by thieves on a piece of ground almost next door to the airfield. Twelve thousand pounds of TNT explosive had been removed. Of this, the police have been able to recover only 350lb. so far.

Now the R.A.F. despite the gravity of this affair, has not informed the public of the result of its inquiry.

Even the appearance of the complacency and indifference of the authorities is most dangerous in the presence of a subtle enemy like the Communists. Particularly at present, when the Communists are concentrating on political infiltration.

So don't let's fiddle about whether it is tactical or not to send General Templer out to look over what his successors have been doing. Get him out here good and quick and set him asking his questions.

That will do more to reassure the public in Malaya than any pledges of self-government from Whitehall.

## POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Why, if it isn't Great-uncle Ethelred come up all the way from the Dukeries just to give Mr. Asquith a piece of his mind!"



General LeMay

I AM near Omaha, Nebraska, at World Headquarters of the Strategic Air Command,

which will deliver the reply, the "massive retaliation" to Russia, if war should come.

What Sir Winston Churchill calls "the Great Deterrent" is in the strong and confident hands of General Curtis LeMay, a burly, handsome man famed for his toughness, a relentless perfectionist, and the Western world's great expert on bombing.

I am spending some time here at what is probably the free world's most important base, talking to the officers and men who are ready and able to fly the hydrogen bombs and the atom bombs to any part of the globe.

This dispatch has not been censored and is exclusive, but a courtesy I am not quoting General LeMay directly on some of the more controversial statements he made to me.

## Two Weeks

I talked to General LeMay in the office of General Francis Griswold, who is the vice-commander of Strategic Air Command, hereafter known as S.A.C. LeMay suddenly appeared in the doorway, a cigar clamped in his mouth, as Griswold and I were chatting, and said: "What would you like to know?" He looked as tough as his pictures, but his voice was modulated, almost light, and his manner was occasionally hesitant.

I said, after a few preliminaries: "It has been stated that you can win a war in three days. Isn't that a bit of an exaggeration?" General LeMay said: "It is a slight exaggeration, but the next war if there is one, can certainly be decided—that is won or lost, in two weeks. I don't mean finished, mind you, but I mean decided, resolved. Yes, two weeks should do it."

I asked: "Are you absolutely ready? Are the men and machines at peak condition?" LeMay bit into his cigar, paused, and said, using his favourite phrase: "Somebody might blow the whistle on us tomorrow morning, and once it goes you'll see whether we are ready. Absolutely in peak condition are strong words. Running an air force is rather like running a football team."

## A Lesson

"WE aren't in peak condition every Saturday, like any team, but we are close to it, and we get stronger and more efficient all the time as new aircraft, and new developments come along."

"S.A.C. is strong enough and ready enough, the danger that America will ever come under actual attack is diminished. The penalty would be, too great."

I said: "It must be comforting, anyway, to know that you have a strong and stable ally in Britain—powerful bases there. And then there is the R.A.F."

General Griswold spoke up then: "Yes, the Americans and British are like that," holding

DON IDDON, on special assignment, visits the Headquarters of the U. S. Strategic Air Command to find out about the "massive retaliation" that the enemies of Freedom will suffer should there be new world war. This is his first despatch in an important series.

## THE FREE WORLD'S H-BOMB PLANES ARE ALWAYS READY

up two fingers pressed together. "It's a fine partnership."

Then General LeMay asked me to repeat what I said and I did.

I will not quote his answer directly. The man who has been head of S.A.C. for more than five years, who has directed an incessant H-bomb-war game day after day and night after night, said he didn't know what I meant, but anyway the British were stronger than the French, but he hoped that Munich had been a lesson to us once and for all and that there would be no appeasement.

The general added he didn't like the recognition of Red China or the giving away of islands in the Far East.

## A Question

It was at this point that the interview became more of a debate in which I pointed out that under a democratic system both United States and United Kingdom public opinion had to be considered at every step. Congress and Parliament had to make the vital decisions, and I did not think either the United States or Great Britain was doing so badly.

General LeMay frowned, looked hard at me, and suddenly tapped out: "What are we winning? Where are we winning?"

I couldn't tell him. The general, who is obviously a man impatient with the vagaries of politics and politicians, asked me if I could imagine all the wrangling that goes on and would go on in Congress and Parliament, and then he added that the United States has no guarantee and no definite agreement that Great Britain will be at the side of the United States when the whistle blows.

I said: "I think you'll find that it will be, but you must remember that we are a small group of islands in the North Sea, very difficult to attack, a number of Russian hydrogen bombs could possibly wipe us out completely."

## Greatest Power

LEMay said that the Russians were not so foolish as he did not think they would tip their hand by attacking Britain, knowing that S.A.C. would hammer them within a few hours of any attack on the British.

He said: "Do you know where the safest place would be in the event of war with Russia? In a bomber over Moscow. That would be the safest place."

Then he said that it might not be particularly safe here at Offutt Airfield, headquarters of S.A.C., or at the other bases. He thought strongly that the United States, its military installations and industrial plants, would be the No. 1 target for the Communists.

General LeMay would like to be in the first bomber over Russia if it comes to war, but he would probably not be allowed that job.

He would direct the "Sunday punch," the annihilating blows, from here at headquarters and, if necessary, he and his officers would take to the air in a specially equipped stratosphere called a VC-37, which can carry 100 men and has sleeping accommodations for 40. For 30 hours the stratosphere would remain airborne while LeMay directed the devastating onslaught.

There was the further warning in a letter from John Careful on "Tea: Its Constant Use Prejudicial" that "the immoderate use of tea, which, however, innocent it may seem to those who practice it, is a kind of debauchery no less expensive, and perhaps even more

He and his headquarters are ready to do that now—this minute, tonight, tomorrow, any time they are called upon to do the job.

I must not give the impression that the men who have the great deterrent and the super-bombers to deliver it are, in the American colloquialism, "various to go." LeMay's attitude to his task—and this is a statement which I can quote—is as follows:

"The continuing job of all of us is to let no potential aggressive nation pass us by in air superiority. S.A.C.'s strength always must be great enough to maintain peace by discouraging global war—or, in the event of a major war, strong enough to discharge its mission effectively."

"The long-range bomber and the atomic weapon enable us to carry to an enemy's doorstep the greatest destructive power the world has ever known. The aeroplane can reach over and beyond the masses of manpower mobilized behind the Iron Curtain."

"It is the only means by which we can bring our full power to bear directly against his muscle and heartland."

It is the hope of General LeMay, General Griswold, and the rest that by their possession of this mighty and terrifying power they will be able to keep the peace for decades.

## No Hatred

GENERAL Griswold, a good-looking, sophisticated, and witty man of around 50, told me: "S.A.C. today is like the British Navy of the 18th century. The Royal Navy kept the peace for almost 100 years, apart from minor wars, because it was so strong, so formidable, that no one dared challenge it. It was the great shield and barrier."

Today, S.A.C., with its fleet of bombers, and its hydrogen and atom bombs, is filling the role the British Navy did in the last century.

"We believe that because we are ready for war we can prevent war. No one here hates the Russians, do they, General LeMay?"

General LeMay, who was brooding, said "No."

He is sometimes a man of few words. Once he flew the Atlantic and spoke only one sentence: "Take that off the floor," when he saw a sparkling plug lying in the cockpit.

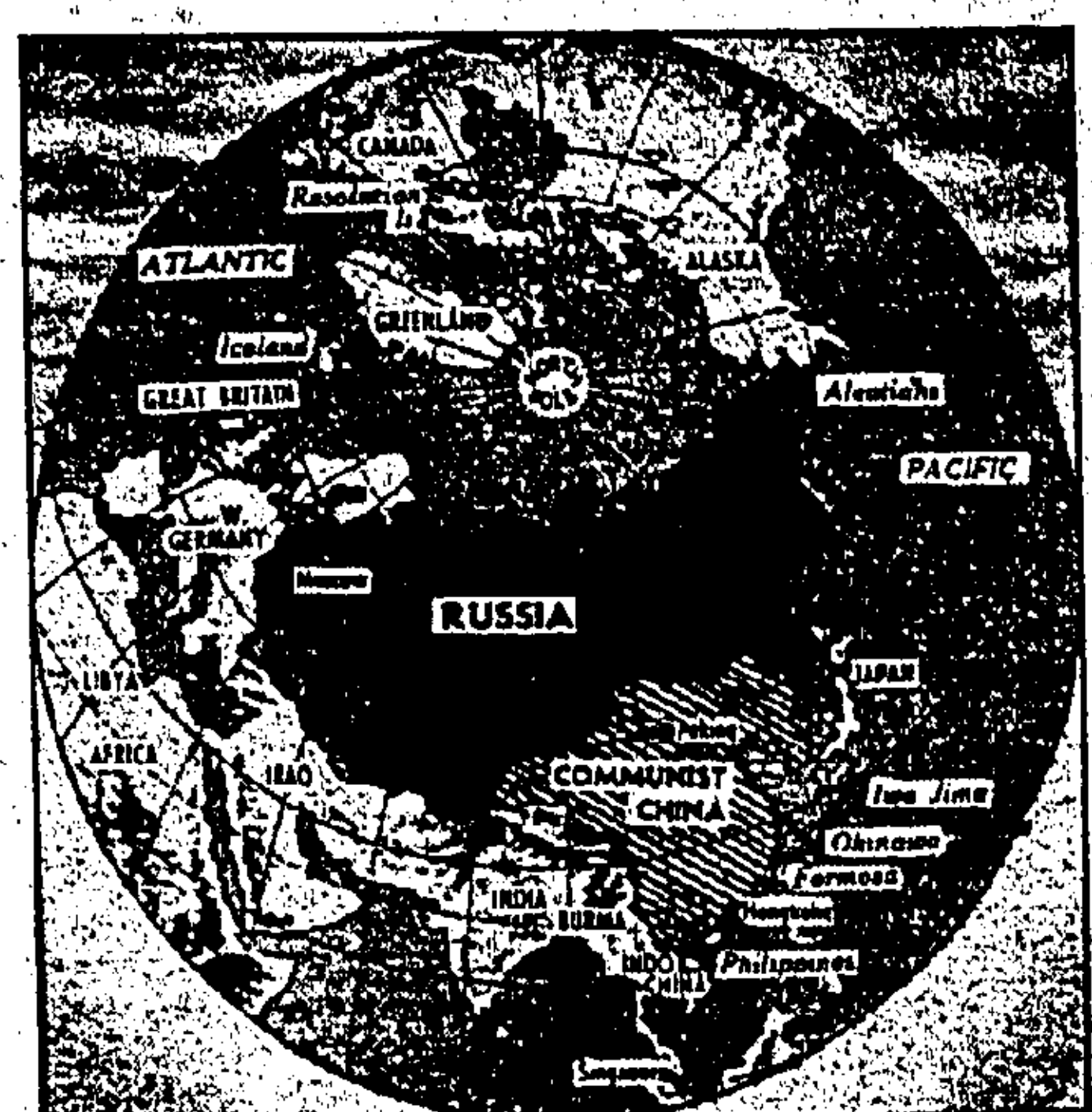
I have the strong impression of a man absolutely straight, sincere, and direct to the point of bluntness, and sometimes brutally candid.

## All Flyers

LEMay told me that he was a believer in generals and all officers being able to fly the bombers, and to fly them frequently. He himself regularly flies the B-36, a giant cigar-shaped flying warship which S.A.C. has in quantity.

He flies the B-47, the smaller 700-m.p.h. all-jet bomber, and he has also piloted the all-jet super-bomber, the B-52, which is coming off the production line and which will provide the backbone of the general's new armament.

General Griswold, who can and does pilot anything, said: "Well, we want our young pilots saying: 'Look at that bald-headed



The map shows how U.S. bombers could circle the world from widespread bases.

old son-of-a-gun with glasses. If he can fly the damn thing, we certainly can."

I asked if the knowledge that they were sitting on such weapons of colossal destruction was a great strain.

General Griswold said: "No, this is like the flagship of the Royal Navy again in the old days. I don't think the admirals on an attitude of 'Let's have a bash, boys,' and not be as scrupulously prepared as the Americans, with the result that the R.A.F. accident rate is three times as high as that of the U.S. forces."

The feeling also here is that the R.A.F. is inclined to have an attitude of 'Let's have a bash, boys,' and not be as scrupulously prepared as the Americans, with the result that the R.A.F. accident rate is three times as high as that of the U.S. forces."

## The Legend

I CHANGED the subject and told General LeMay that I had seen him described as "the toughest cop of the Western world" and other things, and asked him how did he react to them. General LeMay said: "You don't believe everything the newspapermen write, do you?"

Some of the stories about LeMay have become legend. He is implacable in insisting on security and constant readiness. His men have to keep their guns with them at all times.

The other day he saw a master-sergeant who had put his gun aside while eating his lunch outside a hangar. He called the men together and said: "This afternoon I found one man guarding a hangar with a ham sandwich. There'll be no more of that."

He is constantly testing the efficiency of the men he commands. Recently he had an Air Force plane repainted to look like a commercial airliner. With a picked squad of men he got aboard, flew to an S.A.C. base, sent a distress radio message and requested permission to make an emergency landing. Permission was granted, and LeMay and his men landed.

Then, armed with tommy-guns, they set out to capture the airliner. But security police quickly rounded up the LeMay party. LeMay revealed his identity and congratulated them.

## Civil Lure

HE is also plagued by some of his best young men being lured away by fancy salaries from private industry. Men sign on for a four-year hitch, and can get twice the money from General Motors or Westinghouse or United States Steel.

We talked about the Royal Air Force for a few minutes, and I asked if there were any great differences between the R.A.F. and the United States Air Force, apart from the fact that the Americans had so much bigger resources at their command.

One officer in the room said that the only difference between the R.A.F. and the U.S.A.F. was that the U.S.A.F. had planes.

It wasn't a good joke, but I smiled anyway, and then it was explained to me that the British had striven so hard for perfection in their aircraft that we had not got the aeroplanes we wanted and needed.

General Griswold pointed out, however, that the United States

perdition. He solemnly asserted that: "women's beauty would fade if she drank tea. It was thought to be very much a case of a voice, crying in the wilderness. A few other loose voices were heard howling, but to little effect."

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J. W. TAYLOR

TOMORROW: Three Jobs For The Iron Flat

## Colds

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## "TEA UP" DIDN'T ALWAYS GO DOWN WELL

London. wrote: "Tea! How I tremble at thy fatal stream!"

BRITAIN'S national beverage—tea—still holds the headlines and public interest with its intriguing price fluctuations, but it has not always claimed public favour. The noted Henry Saville denounced tea as a filthy habit, and Cobbett wrote an article saying that he would not give tea to pigs, which today's addicts would consider to be a tragic waste!

Judging from his tea-meeting of the Brick Lane Branch of the United Grand Junction Ebenezer Temperance Association, novelist Charles Dickens could hardly be said to be a great tea-lover. And Young, the poet, in a sombre lament on the influence of the noxious beverage,

One of the early objections to tea gave voice in the now extinct magazine "The Female Spectator" to this solemn warning:

"Tea, whether of the Green or Bohea kind, when taken to excess, occasions a dejection of spirits and fatiguency, which lays the drinkers of it under a kind of necessity of having recourse to many exciting liquors. The most temperate and sober of the sex and themselves obliged to drink wine pretty freely after it. None of them nowadays pretends to entertain with the one, without the other, and the bottle and glass are as sure an appendix to the tea-table as the slop basin."

"At one time tea was not at all popular in high quarters of Scotland, Lord President Forbes, of the Court of Session, declared it to be an improper diet, expensive, wasteful of time, and calculated to render the population sickly and to corrupt their morals. The ladies of Glasgow and

There was the further warning in a letter from John Careful on "Tea: Its Constant Use Prejudicial" that "the immoderate use of tea, which, however, innocent it may seem to those who practice it, is a kind of debauchery no less expensive, and perhaps even more

pernicious than those of which the men who are not professed rakes are generally accused."

Edinburgh, however, were reported to be in agreement with Lord Lethbridge, and the number of tea-parties, with or without wine as an appendix, increased.

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perdition. He solemnly asserted that: "women's beauty would fade if she drank tea. It was thought to be very much a case of a voice, crying in the wilderness. A few other loose voices were heard howling, but to little effect."

One irate Scot informed Lord Tweeddale that "this abominable drug" was at the root of "all our financial misfortunes." He called for it to be taxed at once at 1s. in the pound. This measure, he submitted, would cause the abuse to cease. "For it is the meanness of the price that encourages the poorer sort to purchase, and the duty added to the low value at which it is now sold would prove an effective deterrent to the use of it among those who have deserted twopenny ale for it."

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## YESTERDAY'S ATHLETICS

SWEENEY'S 400 METRES  
THE BEST EFFORT OF  
THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

By "RECORDER"

The Colony records for all the metric distances between 400 and 1,500 Metres fell yesterday at the Fifth Annual HKAAA Championships at Caroline Hill. It came as no surprise to anyone that Lt. Keith Burch clocked exactly 2 minutes in the 800 Metres final. He had been expected to be the first to break two minutes for the distance in Hongkong and in actual fact did so 2:00.0 on the stopwatch represents an actual effort of somewhere between 1:59.91 and 1:59.99.

But the greatest performance was, undoubtedly, Lt. M. C. Sweeney's 400 Metres, all on his own, in 51.4 seconds. The Decathlon tables award 744 points for this performance while Keith Burch's 2:00.0 for the 800 Metres is worth 694 points. Mike Curzon's new Colony 1,500 Metres record of 4 minutes 13.6 seconds, the biggest surprise of the meeting, is worth 695 points on the Decathlon table, so he too finished ahead of Burch.

All three, plus some others, will be in action again on the Royal Air Force's grass track at Kai Tak next Saturday afternoon both over 440 and 880 Yards and it is not unlikely that Burch may take back the leadership for the best performance of all, but that remains to be seen.

**UNLUCKIEST**  
Unluckiest athlete at the Championships was Malcolm Marsh, who came a cropper over both the ninth and 10th hurdles in the 400 Metres Hurdles when well on the way to what could have been a new Colony record at about 58.6 seconds. There can be little doubt that he will take the Colony record in this event on his next effort over the low hurdles.

Marsh's fall and a pulled muscle suffered by Stephen Xavier spoiled the relays. Marsh turned out for the 4 x 400 Metres but, without Xavier, the HKAAAC wasn't fast enough to hold the Army.

Great victory of the Championships was that of the Army sprint relay team of Capt. Mulvaney, C. M. P. Petrie, Cpl. Bailey and B. M. W. Walker. Beyond a few optimists like Major Walker, nobody would have conceded them a chance against the HKAAAC team of Robert Marques, Eddie Loureiro, Billy McCall and Stephen Xavier, but their baton passing was perfect and the HKAAAC lost valuable yards on two and exchanges.

Stephen Xavier, almost closed the gap on Walker on the last leg, but not quite. Walker had the rare distinction of breasting a tape with Xavier on his heels. When one considers that Xavier, McCall and Marques finished first, second and fourth in the 100 Metres Dash, it was indeed a great victory for the Army.

The 4 x 400 Metres Relay saw a great effort by Mike Curzon on the anchor leg against Sweeney, but he couldn't close the gap though he did not concede Sweeney when speaking into the "micro" for the benefit of listeners to Radio Hongkong. It was Miller's steady and near scorching pace over the second and third lap that made the record possible.

There were some great performances by the also-rans. Worthy of particular mention are Lee Shu-chung, Chang Yeh-hung, Roy Bell and Chan Kim-hung.

## NOT UNSET

Lee Shu-chung, a great runner as a schoolboy, had not turned in any reasonably good performance in a long time, but he wasn't going to be upset by Burch's reputation and his 2:04.6 in second place was the fastest time ever by a local boy, displacing Leung Kam-po's 2:05.2 (in Macao two years ago) as the "native record".

Chang Yeh-hung had done no training at all for a whole year. There are no facilities for athletic training at Tai O on Lantau Island where he is now a schoolteacher, but his 16.6 in the High Hurdles behind Capt. Mulvaney's new Colony record

of 16.5 was a great performance. Beaten by an eyelash, he could have won in new Colony record time if he hadn't knocked down some five hurdles. Knocking down a standard weight hurdle is no joke as Malcolm Marsh will be glad to tell anyone. Marsh, by the way, finished in a good 64.4 seconds in the low hurdles despite two falls.

Roy Bell, considered by some the finest stylist among the low hurdles though he hasn't much speed on the flat, ran a great tactical race to finish second in an all-star field, just ahead of former Champion Tony Colaco. Chan Kim-hung, one of the finest sprinters in Colony athletics, had the distinction of finishing fourth in an all-star field in the 5,000 Metres. This South China athlete has competed steadily since 1951 without much success and his great performance yesterday merits the "colours" that the SCAA annually present in their best performances.

Keith Burch can thank 2/Lt. Jenkinson of 14 Field for having set the early pace in the 800 Metres. Jenkinson paid for this effort as, with a steeper pace, he may have finished ahead of Lee Shu-chung.

## UNLUCKY

Unlucky starter in this event was the HKAAAC's Frank Walker, in great form with a 2:10.3 in the heats of the event, who actually ran about a mile in the final yesterday as he wasn't till lunchtime that he had the 800 Metres was the first event of the afternoon.

He ran all the way to the stadium, had just about enough time to put on his track shoes and was in the race with a breath of about half a minute. At that, he wasn't far behind Jenkinson in fourth place. It is noteworthy that not only Burch, but Jenkinson, Lee Shu-chung and Walker, as well as covered the first half of the 300 Metres in under 60 seconds.

Mike Curzon gave due credit to Lt. Paul Miller for his 1:50.0 Metres record when speaking into the "micro" for the benefit of listeners to Radio Hongkong. It was Miller's steady and near scorching pace over the second and third lap that made the record possible.

Ernie Tulloh won a great 500 Metres race from Gil Scott by a tenth of a second in 16 minutes 39.3 seconds and both got a great ovation from the crowd at the prize-giving. L/Cpl. A. L. Smith dropped out after several laps, having run earlier in the 1,500 Metres.

B. M. J. Highton was a surprise third and Chan Kim-hung good fourth as established distance runner, Chan King-yin and Au Chung-sing faded out of the picture. Tulloh, generally chary of going the pace-setting, took the lead in the later stages of the race and Scott came nearer than ever to upsetting his rival in a driving finish.

South China's little Ho May-yeo scored a great victory over Capt. P. E. Gerrard in the women's 100 Metres Dash, but neither was near the Colony record of 13.0 seconds set jointly in one of the heats the previous day.

Capt. Gerrard had a painful session at a dentist's the same morning and, if it hadn't been for that, could well have won. The record of 13.0 seconds set in the heats, beating the 13.1 mark held jointly by Rita Hall and Jennifer Hart, is likely to be accepted as the general consensus of opinion among officials is that the wind aid on Saturday was negligible during the race.

**TWO CENTIMETRES MORE**  
The course was found to be correct and Captain Gerrard actually ran two centimetres further than Ho May-yeo, re-measurement of the two lanes showed. Credit must be given to Raleigh Leung, PO Robinson and "Paddy" MacMahon for a big re-measuring job that involved covering 3,200 metres of the track.

It is understood that "Paddy" is going to protest to the HKAAAC Committee at its next meeting that we are behind the times here in not conducting a survey of level in each lane and

making allowance for steel tape expansion with thermometer readings and calculations every few minutes.

An informal meeting of the Records Committee, with Hon. Secretary Jimmy Kirkwood in the Chair, decided that in future record-breakers will have to assist in the re-measuring, being delegated the job of stepping down with an eight-inch ruler every five metres of the track. It was also agreed that certificates for re-measuring competence, Grade "A", would only be awarded those who have done the job of re-measuring a lane at Pokfulam.

The field events produced little of note. Ling Sum cleared 5 feet 9 inches in the High Jump and came near enough to setting a new Colony mark at 5 feet 11 inches. Ng Chun-wai managed 43 feet 10 inches in the Hop, Step and Jump. That was on his first effort and before the run-up became a stretch of gaping holes. His 20 feet 5 inches winning long jump was good in the conditions, and Fong Sik's 16 feet 3 inches in the women's event was an even better performance.

Invitations for the two special races at Kai Tak the coming Saturday have been or will be extended to the following:

440 Yards: Lt. M. C. Sweeney, M. C. Marsh, M. P. Curzon, Lt. C. Burch, W. L. McCall and Cpl. T. E. Dane.  
880 Yards: Lt. M. C. Sweeney, M. C. Marsh, M. P. Curzon, Lt. C. Burch, W. L. McCall and Cpl. T. E. Dane.

## THE RESULTS

**Men's Events**  
100 metres: 1. Stephen Xavier (HKAAAC); 2. Wong Man-wan (SCAA); Time: 11.1 sec.  
200 metres: 1. Stephen Xavier (HKAAAC); 2. Fung Kai-lee (HKAAAC); 3. D. W. Clouting (HKAAAC); Time: 23.9 sec.  
400 metres: 1. Lt. Michael Sweeney (Army AA); 2. Leung Kam-po (SCAA); 3. Keith Burch (Army AA); Time: 51.4 sec. (Colony Record).  
800 metres: 1. Lt. Keith Burch (Army AA); 2. 2/Lt. D. H. Jenkinson (Army AA); Time: 2 min. (Colony Record).  
1,000 metres: 1. Michael Curzon (HKAAAC); 2. P. Miller (Army AA); 3. Cpl. T. E. Dane (Army AA); Time: 1 min. 39.3 sec. (Colony Record).  
1,500 metres: 1. Michael Curzon (HKAAAC); 2. P. Miller (Army AA); 3. Cpl. T. E. Dane (Army AA); Time: 4 min. 13.6 sec. (Colony Record).  
500 metres: 1. Bruce Tulloh (Army AA); 2. G. J. Scott (Army AA); 3. Edman Highton (Army AA); Time: 16 min. 39.3 sec. (Colony Record).  
1,000 metres: 1. Lt. Michael Sweeney (Army AA); 2. Leung Kam-po (SCAA); 3. Keith Burch (Army AA); Time: 2 min. 10.3 sec. (Colony Record).  
1,500 metres: 1. Michael Curzon (HKAAAC); 2. P. Miller (Army AA); 3. Cpl. T. E. Dane (Army AA); Time: 4 min. 13.6 sec. (Colony Record).  
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**Long Jump:** 1. Ng Chun-wai (HKAAAC); 2. Fung Kai-lee (HKAAAC); 3. D. W. Clouting (HKAAAC); Distance: 43 ft. 10 in. (Unattached).  
**Hop, Step and Jump:** 1. Ng Chun-wai (HKAAAC); 2. Fung Kai-lee (HKAAAC); 3. D. W. Clouting (HKAAAC); Distance: 43 ft. 10 in. (Unattached).  
**High Jump:** 1. Ling Sum (SCAA); 2. B. P. Hinge (Army AA); 3. Edman Highton (Army AA); Height: 5 ft. 9 in. (Unattached).  
**Shot Put:** 1. C. P. Condie (Army AA); 2. P. Condie (Army AA); 3. C. P. Condie (Army AA); Distance: 110 ft. 10 in. (Unattached).  
**Discus Throw:** 1. C. P. Condie (Army AA); 2. P. Condie (Army AA); 3. C. P. Condie (Army AA); Distance: 110 ft. 10 in. (Unattached).  
**Weight Throw:** 1. C. P. Condie (Army AA); 2. P. Condie (Army AA); 3. C. P. Condie (Army AA); Distance: 110 ft. 10 in. (Unattached).  
**100 metres relay:** 1. Army AA; 2. South China; 3. HKAAAC; Time: 47.7 sec.  
**4 x 100 metres relay:** 1. Army AA; 2. South China; 3. HKAAAC; Time: 2 min. 36.1 sec.

**Ladies Events**  
100 metres: 1. Ho May-yeo (SCAA); 2. Capt. P. E. Gerrard (SCAA); 3. 2/Lt. M. C. Sweeney (SCAA); Time: 13.0 sec.  
200 metres: 1. Ho May-yeo (SCAA); 2. Capt. P. E. Gerrard (SCAA); 3. 2/Lt. M. C. Sweeney (SCAA); Time: 28.5 sec.  
400 metres: 1. Ho May-yeo (SCAA); 2. Capt. P. E. Gerrard (SCAA); 3. 2/Lt. M. C. Sweeney (SCAA); Time: 1 min. 22.2 sec.  
800 metres: 1. Ho May-yeo (SCAA); 2. Capt. P. E. Gerrard (SCAA); 3. 2/Lt. M. C. Sweeney (SCAA); Time: 2 min. 44.4 sec.

**Best Athlete of the Year (Men):** Michael Curzon (HKAAAC).  
**Best Athlete of the Year (Women):** Ho May-yeo (SCAA).  
**Cycling:** 1. D. Wilkinson (RAF LS); 2. C. P. Condie (RAF LS); 3. R. Martin (RAF LS).  
**Points to Note:** 1. C. P. Condie (RAF LS); 2. R. Martin (RAF LS); 3. D. Wilkinson (RAF LS).  
**Time:** 8 min. 44.4 sec.

## THEY MEET THIS COMING SATURDAY



The Colony's three fastest quarter-milers were all in different events at the Colony Championships.

On the left, Mike Curzon winning the 1,500 Metres in Colony record time of 4 minutes 13.6 seconds.

In the centre, Malcolm Marsh, leading in the 400 Metres Hurdles before he came a cropper over the ninth and 10th hurdles. If he hadn't fallen in his first ever attempt at timber-topping the Colony record would have come down well below 60 seconds.

On the right, Lt. M. C. Sweeney winning the 400 Metres in Colony record time of 51.4 seconds. These three—the fastest quarter-milers ever seen in this Colony—will be in the same race at Kai Tak, this coming Saturday afternoon.—China Mail Photo.

Nothing Mercurial Or  
Flashy About Sir  
Gordon's Successor

By The Scout

If there were any betting on the flat-race jockeys' championship for 1955—sandy-haired, 36-year-old Doug Smith would certainly be favourite to retain his 1954 title.

He is already down to 7 st. 11 lb.—2 lb. more than The Blessing's "Lincoln" weight.

There is nothing mercurial or flashy about Sir Gordon's successor. He has self-confidence galore, but this quality has its basis on the simple assurance of a man who has thoroughly mastered his craft.

He has that unhurried air which only the truly competent possess. Methodically, he owns a keen eye for detail and an unflagging passion for hard work.

"Aren't you asking too much of yourself?" I put to him, one day last season.

**HECTIC WEEK**  
The occasion was one, during a hectic week involving 1,000 miles, racecourse-to-racecourse travel, on which he proposed to journey 100 miles out of his way just to ride one horse at morning exercise.

He quickly demolished this line of argument. "I look at it this way, Clive," he said, "if an owner or trainer thinks that I deserve to ride his horse in a race, I'm only too happy to get to know my mount beforehand."

It remains a marvel to me, however, that Doug can stand up to so severely to the battering of his restless roaming in quest of winners.

## UNRUFFLED FRONT

The unruffled front which he presents is no mere pose. "I'm lucky," says he, "compared with many jockeys. Why, the only time I was ever in a Turkish bath—I went in as a spectator!"

He says that he does not believe in running or punching a ball to get himself fit. Fitness is his natural state. He took a fortnight's holiday at St. Moritz last month—"just to keep toned up."

Ski-ing and the Cresta were not for him. Patricia, his wife (daughter of trainer Fred Winter and sister to the N.H. jockey), pointed out that he had contracts to keep.

"Doug can't afford to join me down the slopes and risk having a leg in plaster just for the fun of it," she said.

His riding style reflects this over-all temperament. In sprint races he is not noticeably better than any other good jockey.

That cool, appraising genius comes into play more often in the middle and long-distance races.

Alcyon rates top in his list of the great horses he has ridden.

Commitments this year are similar to those for 1954—Lord Derby, Harry Peacock, and Geoffrey Brooke.

His hopes for big-race successes this season are wrapped up in Acropolis, Our Babu, and Golden Planet. He expects, too, to have a first-rate run of victories in two-year-old races.

Many years ago, soon after blossoming out of apprenticeship with Major Sneyd, he experienced a losing run of 103, from July until November without a winner.

That is a record which he promises not to surpass in 1955.

## Martin Proposed To Meet Dower

Madrid, Mar. 27.  
The Spanish Boxing Federation is to propose that its Flyweight, Young Martin, should be named as challenger for the European Flyweight title to the European Boxing Union, it was learned here today.

If the EBU accepts Martin as a leading challenger, he will meet Dai Dower, Britain's European Flyweight Champion.—France-Press.

## Likely Champion

Bobby Wilson, freely tipped as one most likely to bring the Wimbledon championship back to Britain, has started his National Service with the RAF. This means the Air Force have first claim to Britain's three most promising players. Billy Knight and Mike Davies have been in the RAF for some time. All three are likely to appear at Wimbledon this year.

Unbeaten Army XV  
Meet RAF In  
Pentangular

By "PAK LO"

In the final game of the present rugby season, the unbeaten Army XV will meet RAF, runners-up in the Pentangular Tournament.

The Airmen have challenged the Army in the hope of spoiling the latter's unbeaten record, and the Army, nothing loth have accepted the challenge.

The proceeds of the game will go to a local charity, to be named by the RAF. The admission for the game will be: Civilians \$2.40, Services \$1.20. The event will take place on the Club grounds in Happy Valley at 8 p.m. this evening.

Both teams are naturally putting forth very strong teams, with the Army making only one change in their backs. Owen is the newcomer in the centre three position, while Blackburn will once again be seen on the wing outside Blincoe.

The Army have therefore a very powerful three line, and Beaufort and Packington in front of them will give them plenty of opportunities to score. The Army pack has plenty of weight, and two very fast breaking wing forwards in Thomas and Hill.

## LOPSIDED RESULT

The RAF have also made a few changes from their regular line-up, as many of their regular players have gone home. Weeks and Colgan are the centre and right wing three quarters respectively, with McGarrity and Taylor as the halves. The result is a slightly lopsided three line with most of the strength on the right wing. McGarrity is a fly half, is one of those players, who if he is on his game has few peers, but he is erratic at times, and if the Airmen are to win, today a lot will depend on him.

Miller becomes the new RAF hooker. Whether he will be as successful as Steeman, for whom he has propped all season remains to be seen, but it is possible he will give Reid the Army hooker a lot of trouble. Worthy takes over Miller's old position as prop, while another newcomer, Hodgson moves into the wing forward berth. As usual, the second row of the RAF pack consists of Lamb and Griffiths.

These latter two should get the ball back from the line-out, and give their three and halves plenty of opportunities. Lamb, in particular has been outjumping all opposition of late, and can safely be classed as one of the best line-out forwards in the Colony.

## RUGGED GAME

Both teams have good steady safe handed full backs, and most of the play will revolve about in the middle. With the Army probably winning the major share of the set scrums, while the RAF gain the advantage from the line-outs it will be a close, fast and rugged game, but the Army should retain their unbeaten record, for their three are definitely the better in attack.

However, they have always looked a little weak in defence and if the RAF concentrate on attack they could upset them, and win, but my bet goes to the unbeaten Army.

## TEAMS:

Army: Patterson, Edwards, Owen, Blincoe, Blackburn, Brenford, Parkinson, Beaufort, Reid, Thelwell, Thomas, Hill, Thelwell, Hill, Thelwell, Hill.

## KEENAN TO MEET BOBBY SINN

Sydney, Mar. 27.  
Britain's Banianweight Boxing Champion Peter Keenan meets Australia's champion Bobby Sinn for the vacant British Empire banianweight crown here tomorrow.

The winner will then fight America's Bobby Peacock in Sydney and the winner of this bout is scheduled to meet Raul "Baton" Macias, rated as the World Champion by the National Boxing Association of America.—France-Press.

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## SOUTH CHINA 6, ARMY 1

TUNG SHEUNG LEADS  
SOUTH CHINA TO  
WIN SENIOR SHIELD

By I. M. MacTavish

The Senior Shield which will grace the South China sideboard for the next twelve months will stand as a fitting testimony to a team that on Saturday showed it was big and good enough to weather an early storm and come roaring back to win every bit as decisively as the score suggests.

The shield will stand too as a tribute to the sagacity of Tung Sheung who was the first to spot the fact that the Army planned to mark Ho Cheung-yau, Lee Yuk-tak and Yiu Cheuk-yin right out of the game.

South China's brilliant left-half started to switch the ball back to Lau Yee and together they advanced upfield and so pulled the close knit Army defence forward to meet them. This gave the men in front the valuable space that in the end won the day.

For the soldiers this was a game of several tragedies. Giant goalkeeper Lewis was declared unfit at noon and Beveridge who replaced him at short notice never quite settled down to his usual confident game, although he did make a fine save from a Lee Yuk-tak penalty kick.

But the real turning point came in the 15th and 34th minutes, the first at a time when the Army was enjoying a narrow lead as the result of a brilliant goal scored by Murray in the 3rd minute.

Then with a quarter of an hour gone, Chu Wing-wah slipped round Hayes away out on the right touchline. Moving at top speed he pushed the ball into the uncoveted goalmouth. Beveridge anticipated the pass, threw himself at the ball, but failed to make safe contact and it broke loose to Lee Yuk-tak who had the easiest of tasks in scoring.

At this stage it was a rip-roaring game and the Army tactics of snuffing out the South China inside trio was paying dividends. Morris, who although wearing the number 9 shirt, was operating behind the front line, was having a lot of success in clamping down on the through passes from the South China wing halves.

Disaster that changed the whole game, struck in the 34th minute when Lau Chi-ping swung a speculative lob into the Army goalmouth. There appeared to be absolutely no danger. There was no South China forward in the immediate vicinity....but a shocking mis-

understanding arose between Crowhurst and Beveridge.... and in horror the other Army players stood rooted to the spot as the ball struck Crowhurst and trickled into the back of the net.

In any game this would have been a shattering blow but in this case it was a side of South China's ability that marked the swing about in the fortunes of the match.... from then on it was a question of how long it would take the Caroline Hill boys to clinch the game.... and clinch it they did in the 43rd minute when Mok Chun-wah converted a penalty kick awarded after Crompton had brought down Yue Cheuk-yin as he was running in on the goal.

If the interval score was hardly a fair reflection on the overall balance of play, there was no doubt at all about which side was in control after the re-start.

INTERVAL SCORE  
In their first move up field Mok Chun-wah slipped the ball to Ho Cheung-yau and with only two minutes gone he made the score 4-1. The game virtually was over.

Play continued fast and interesting but the power and craft of the South China forward line became more and more apparent and before the end, two magnificent goals by Ho Cheung-yau and Mok Chun-wah merely served to emphasise the determination of the South China players to make no mistake about the destination of the shield.

Higgins, Crompton, strove manfully to stem the tide and Morris ran himself to a standstill both in defence and in attack. South China however were not deterred and when the final whistle went the Army players were the first on the spot to congratulate the blue shirted Caroline Hillers for they were indeed great winners.

Soccer Players Do Not  
Want A Strike

By Archie Quick

Although Mr Jimmy Guthrie, the paid Chairman of the Players' Union has come out with the forthright statement that there will be a strike of professional footballers this coming Summer if the terms of contract are not altered I, personally, do not think that any such thing will occur. I have talked with players, and I was surprised to find that many of them—almost a majority—are not behind their Union.

Once upon a time the 92 League clubs' staffs were nearly 100 per cent Union men. That is not the case now. Many have resigned although most of the Union collectors report a full membership.

Players do not want a strike. Many of them would secede from the Union immediately if it came about and strike talk a year ago was the reason for many of the "deserters" falling out. There is talk in the air of "slavery conditions" and in many respects I have a great deal of sympathy with the footballer.

I consider that the forms that they are called upon to sign each July are harsh, one-sidedly in favour of the club, but I side with the many players who say: "We are not doing so badly." As one of them put it to me in Birmingham the other day: "Most of our team are unskilled men without trades, and if it had not been for football they would have been labourers or plumbers or one of the sensible ones have comfortable homes and families and can plan for the future when their active careers finish. Fifteen pounds a week plus bonus is not a bad wage, there are benefits for the player who sticks to one club, and a good lump sum upon retirement. Most of us could not have got that outside of football."

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A manager told me that taking wages and the extra items into account he considered his first team players got £22,100 on a winning Saturday. That is all well and fine, but the signing-on form is a different matter. A club can shoot a player's wages down to £7 a week and once they have offered him those terms he is tied to them indefinitely if he refuses to accept.

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Every man on the winning side was a hero and if on occasion the team did not show the easy rhythm that we have come to associate with it, this was due to the tenacious marking which forced Ho Cheung-yau and Yiu Cheuk-yin out of their normal control.

Lee Yuk-tak also had a quiet game but wingers Chu Wing-wah and Mok Chun-wah were never at any time really tamed and they always caused a flash of danger whenever they were in possession.

Tung Sheung was majestic. His presence alone is enough to inspire confidence in those around him.... and on this occasion he stood head and shoulders above everyone in the game.

OUT OF TOUCH  
Ko Po-keung did not have one of his best games and in the early stages when the Army was applying the pressure he looked very much out of touch.

Lau Chi-ping was keen and confident in all he did, but on the other side of the field Lau Yee had an easy task as Collins, the Army right winger, found the big occasion too much for him. Pau King-yin recovered from an uncertain start to play with all the sparkle that we have come to associate with his work between the sticks.

Beveridge, who stepped into the Army goal at the last moment, did some clever things but there was a sad lack of understanding between him and his backs and this contributed in part at least to three vital goals.

Crowhurst and Hayes tried hard to shut the South China wingers out of the game but they never really succeeded.... and long before the end Mok Chun-wah was giving Crowhurst a worrying time.

Crompton was the best of the three half-backs, and up forward only Morris and Murray were up to standard. The Army's chronic right-wing problem is still with them, and on the other side of the field Walmesley is becoming more and more tied to the touch line.

VERDICT  
The Senior Shield now graces the right sideboard. The winners were too good for the Army but the game, for all its competitive disappointment, was played in fine spirit.... and for the first 30 minutes was as good as anything we have seen this season.... By any standards this South China side is a fine one.... and on this form must surely take the league championship as well.

TEAMS  
South China. Pau King-yin, Lau Chi-ping, Lau Yee, Lok Tak-ke, Ko Po-keung, Tung Sheung, Chu Wing-wah, Ho Cheung-yau, Lee Yuk-tak, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.

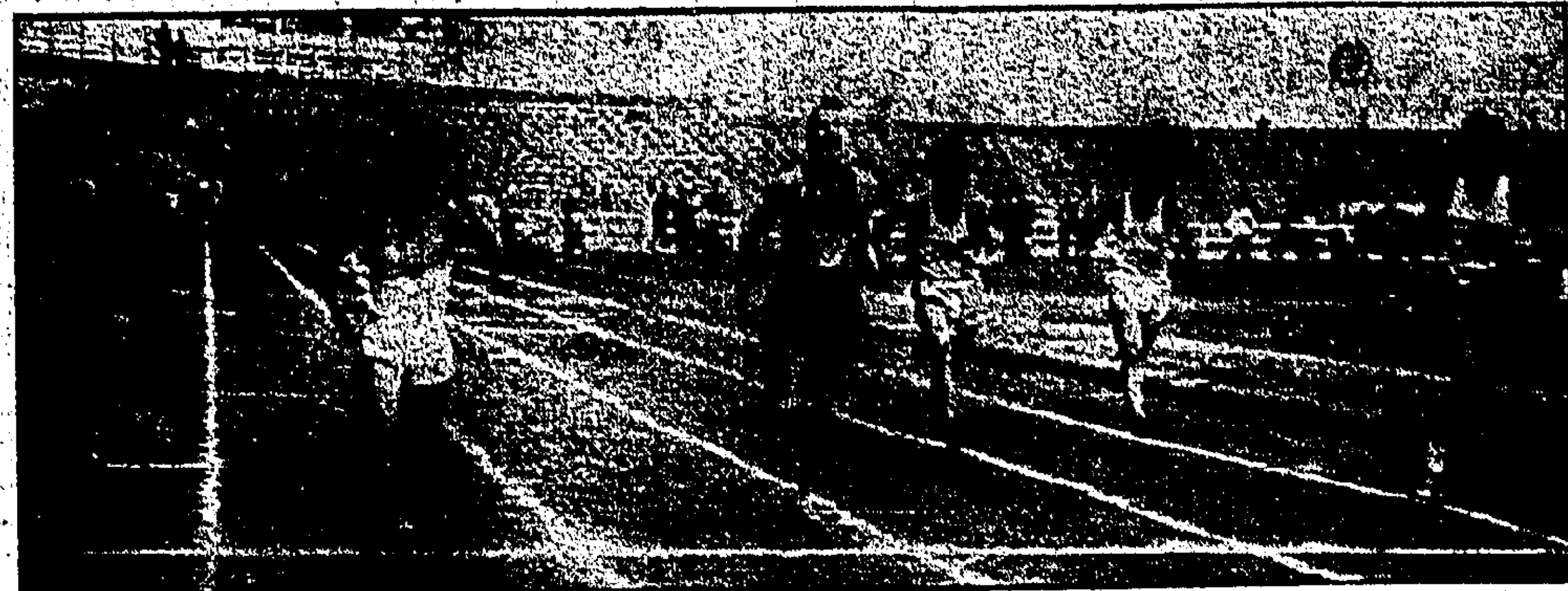
Army. Beveridge, Crowhurst, Hayes, Higgins, Crompton, Walters, Collins, Murray, Morris, Palmer, Walmesley.

SUNDAY GAMES  
After the big-match atmosphere of Saturday, yesterday's programme was a bit of an anti-climax.  
At Causeway Bay the RAF, well led by Toth, beat the Club 5-3 in a game that was generally disappointing.

Club, with Taylor back in goal after a long absence, were just a shade unlucky to go down, but defensive slackness and the slick opportunism of the Alermen were the deciding factors in the game.

At the Club Stadium, Kwong Wah tackled an Army side which showed a couple of changes from that beaten on Saturday by South China.  
In the early stages the Army were in complete control and three final goals in a row by Morris indicated their superiority. The Kam-ho got one for Kwong Wah just before the interval.

## ONE, TWO, FOUR FOR THE HKAAC



The finish of the 100 Metres Dash at the Colony Championships at Caroline Hill yesterday. From left to right—Cfn. G. W. Petrie (Army AA), fifth, Stephen Xavier (HKAAC), the winner, Billy McCall (HKAAC), second, Robert Marques (HKAAC), fourth, Fung Kat-lee (University), sixth, and Wong Man-wan (South China AA), third.

This was a near clean sweep for the Athletic Club in one of the fastest fields seen in this Colony in this event, but Army later took the 4 x 100 Metres Relay on fast baton exchanges. McCall had the closest margin on Xavier that anyone has had in the last four years.—China Mail Photo.

## WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Saints Triumph Over  
Pandas To Retain  
Senior Championship

St Joseph's old timers held back hard-hitting Pandas 5-3 to retain the Senior "A" League Championship for another year at King's Park yesterday. Faulty play and costly errors marked the downfall of the latter, despite their superior hitting. Benny Omar shone for the Saints at third base. He dived to save two powerful hits of their opponents.

The Line-ups:  
Pandas—Wally Ma (ss), James Herrick (2b), L. P. Lam (cf), Philip Hsu (rf), Y. S. Liang (3b), L. C. Poon (lf), Raymond Tsao (c), Harold Ong (lb), Jack Wei (p).  
Saints—Arturo Osoz (2b), Gussie Pereira (lf), Benny Omar (3b), Dave Leonard (lb), Vic Pedruco (p), A. Ditta (rf), Igmarr Erickson (c), Onofre Souza (ss), A. G. Ismail (cf).

The game started with Pandas on the offensive. Wally Ma first walked but James Herrick was fanned. L. P. Lam was safe when the thrown ball bounced out of the first baseman's mitt. Philip Hsu fouled out but Y. S. Liang's roller was fumbled and the bases were loaded. L. C. Poon came up with a pop and the side returned to their benches.

TIMELY HIT  
Saints Arturo Osoz drew a walk also and Gussie Pereira followed with an error. Dave Leonard's timely hit scored Arturo Osoz. Vic Pedruco made a sacrifice fly and Benny Omar stole home safe when Raymond Tsao at plate missed the tag. A Ditta was passed next and when Wally Ma missed the tag at second, Dave Leonard's timely hit scored Arturo Osoz.

During the second frame Jackie Wei of Pandas obtained a hit and he made second when the fielder bobbled. A pass ball sent him to third but the following batter popped and Pandas came back fruitless for the second time. Saints went out one, two, three.

In the third L. P. Lam of Pandas made a one-baser after one down but was nipped off at second. Philip Hsu followed with another hit and stole second safe. Y. S. Liang connected solidly along the base line, but Benny Omar made a spectacular dive to glove the sphere. Saints made no headway though Benny Omar reached second.

Pandas went out three straight in the fourth and Saints were on the run again. A Ditta whacked a good one into the right field and made to second, Igmarr Erickson lofted vainly and Onofre Souza sacrificed to put A. Ditta in scoring position.

A. G. Ismail bunted safe and a wild throw put him on third while A. Ditta loitered here. Arturo Osoz got for Osoz made by the catcher only found him presenting another run to his opponents as feet-footed Ismail swished in before he received the back-throw. The Saints now led 5-0.

PANDAS RALLY  
It was in the fifth that Pandas rallied. Jackie Wei first drew a walk but was tagged out un-awares when he left the base, thinking that the following Wally Ma obtained a free ticket.

Wally Ma at last did get a walk and Jimmy Herrick connected a safety. L. P. Lam was again passed and the bases were loaded.  
Shugger Philip Hsu failed everyone's expectation as he popped out, however. Y. S. Liang worked for a walk and first run for the Pandas came in. L. C. Poon smacked squarely on the pitch and it was a hit. Both Jimmy Herrick and L. P. Lam crossed the plate. To the disappointment of the Pandas fans, Raymond Tsao missed the third strike for the side out and both Liang and Poon sailed on bases.

They made another try in the sixth but again Jackie Wei's

hasty steal before a fly was caught resulted in a double play and frustration for his own side.  
In the last canto it was merely two pops and a feeble infield roller which sent the Pandas back for the last time and the old timers were jubilant for the victory which entitled them to the Championship for another year. The final score stood Saints 5, Pandas 3.

The winning pitcher Vic Pedruco yielded five hits, five walks but whiffed three. Losing Jackie Wei gave up two earned runs, four hits and batted six times and Pandas seven.

Delawares were granted a postponement and Braves played the US Navy instead. The sailors from USS Oriscany played well beyond their fast starter Campbell's brilliant three hitter and they edged the hard trying Braves 2-1 in a tight and fast game.

Both scored one run in the first canto and both found their opponents' formations water-tight during the following four frames. However, the tars obtained their winning run in the sixth through two costly errors, and repelled the waves of Tribesmen's attack to emerge victorious 2-1.

LADIES' SERIES  
In the Ladies' Senior Play-Off Series, Wahooks Aces slaughtered the inexperienced Pandarettes 11-0. The Aces turned out their full formation while Pandarettes took the field with many young and rookie reserves.

The Ows were just having a hitting spree and they collected no less than 18 safeties during the five frames played.  
The runs scored were seven in first and third, five in the fourth and two in the second for a total of 21. Their opponents managed to tally six times during the second and fifth.

Luckless Wahooks Bees received another setback from the South China Ladies 8-9 in another Ladies' Senior Play-Off game. The Nam Wah girls made their nine runs during the first three cantos and were leading 9-3 at the end of fourth.

The Bees started rallying from the fifth and were only trailing 7-9 at the end of sixth.  
During the last inning Myra Cruz bonered after two down and following Angela Aquino to tally six times during the second and fifth.

The sturdy B.I. Dodgers eliminated the tough Pandas 5-4 in a close Junior League game. The Pandas, who had been leading 4-2 in the second and Pandas Juniors forged ahead in the fourth to lead 4-2.  
The Dodgers levelled the score four all in the fifth and received one run through free passes

KCC Win The  
Hancock Shield

Kowloon Cricket Club, enjoying a first innings lead of 59 runs, were fortunate to recapture the Hancock Shield from the Hongkong Cricket Club at Chater Road when the match was drawn yesterday with the Cox's Path cricketers needing 32 runs for victory and eight batsmen dismissed.

The cream of the two clubs' cricket players clashed in the second of this bi-annual match, the first of which was won by HKCC earlier in the season and although the final result was a draw, the Shield went to Kowloon, on first innings points as mutually agreed upon.

THE SCORES			
HKCC 1st Innings—146 Runs			
Withall, c Hughes b Fritchard	9		
Jenner, c Hughes b Fritchard	14		
Davidson, c Leigh-Bennett b Fritchard	34		
Moore, c Hughes b Fritchard	24		
Dodge, c Leigh-Bennett b Fritchard	24		
Coffey, c Hughes b Fritchard	24		
Zimmerman, b Fritchard	33		
Gulford, b Fritchard	35		
Chamberlain, c Fritchard	23		
Chard, c Fritchard	23		
Lewis, c Fritchard	23		
Carroll, c Fritchard	23		
Bel, not out	23		
Extras	23		
Total	223		

Fall of wickets—1-20, 2-29, 3-59, 4-113, 5-146, 6-158, 7-164, 8-175, 9-219, 10-223.

Bowling Analysis			
	O	M	R
T.P. Mahon	23.5	10	57
G.H.P. Fritchard	23.5	10	57
I.L. Stanton	14	0	16
J.R. Kemp	14	0	16
Extras			
C.J.B. Leader	10	0	20
G.B.P. Fritchard	10	0	20
Davidson	10	0	20
P.J. Chubb	10	0	20
I.L. Stanton	10	0	20
G.P. Rowe	10	0	20
T.W. Leigh-Bennett	10	0	20
Bel	10	0	20
J.R. Kemp	10	0	20
Carroll	10	0	20
T.P. Mahon	10	0	20
Extras	10	0	20
Total (for 9 wks)	203		

Fall of wickets—1-40, 2-42, 3-133, 4-136, 5-146, 6-140, 7-170, 8-196, 9-217.

Bowling Analysis			
	O	M	R
Carroll	10.2	0	22
Whitall	4	1	12
Davidson	2	2	33
Bel	2	2	44
KCC 2nd Innings			
Withall, c Hughes b Rowe	28		
Jenner, not out	13		
Gulford, c Rowe b Mahon	13		
Dodge, c Chubb b Mahon	3		
Leigh-Bennett, c Stanton	14		
Zimmerman, c Mahon	14		
Chamberlain, c Fritchard	5		
Stanton, c Hughes b Stanton	5		
Carroll, not out	12		
Davidson, not out	12		
Extras	1		
Total (for 8 wks)	113		

Bel did not bat.  
Fall of wickets—1-41, 2-73, 3-77, 4-77, 5-83, 6-81, 7-97, 8-97.

Bowling Analysis			
	O	M	R
T.P. Mahon	11	3	40
G.H.P. Fritchard	3	0	17
I.L. Stanton	4	0	20
G.P. Rowe	3	0	17
I.L. Stanton	6	3	18

Nominate YOUR  
Hongkong Footballer  
Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

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To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play, is

of the Club.

(Signed).....

## International Soccer

Six Changes  
In England's  
Side

London, Mar. 27.  
England's selectors have made no fewer than six changes in the team to meet Scotland at Wembley next Saturday, compared with the side which beat Germany in the last full International on December 1.

Of the forwards only Stanley Matthews retains his place but only two of the newcomers, Jim Meadows (Brighton) and Duncan Edwards (left half) will be playing in their first full international.

The four forwards recalled are Revie, Lofthouse, Wilshaw and Blunstone for Bentley, Allen, Shackleton and Finney. The recall of Lofthouse is something of a surprise as Roy Swinbourne, who led the line against Germany in the "B" match in midweek, was favourite for the position.

Edwards is one of the youngest players ever to be capped, being only 18 years and five months. He has appeared in three intermediate Internationals and two inter-League games and his powerful halfback play has earned him a place.

The team will be: Bert Williams (Wolverhampton), Jim Meadows (Manchester City) and Roger Byrne (Manchester United), Len Phillips (Preston), Bill Wright (Wolverhampton) and Duncan Edwards (Manchester United). Stan Matthews (Blackpool), Don Revie (Manchester City), Nat Lofthouse (Bolton Wanderers), Dennis Wilshaw (Wolverhampton) and Frank Blunstone (Chelsea).—China Mail Special.

Olympic Games  
President  
To Visit Japan

Chicago, Mar. 27.  
Mr Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Games Committee, is to visit Japan, one of the countries applying for the 1960 Games.

He said he planned to "look over their preparation plans" after checking progress in Australia for next year's Olympics. Mr Brundage said he expected to leave here for Melbourne "late this week." He will report to the International Committee which meets in Paris from June 14 to 17.—China Mail Special.

Wrestler Breaks  
Woman's Arm

Paris, Mar. 27.  
An all-in wrestler who was flung from the ring by his opponent here this afternoon landed on a woman spectator, breaking her arm.

The woman, Mademoiselle Andree Martin, was taken to the hospital. The incident took place in the Elysee Montmartre ring and the wrestler was Sola Amir, France-Presse.

## TABLE TENNIS

Czechoslovakian table tennis stars will prepare for the English Open championships by playing a South of England representative side on March 28.

The event is being staged by the North West Kent Table Tennis Association, whose "Open" tournament is regarded as one of the finest in England.

## NOTICE

THE HONG KONG  
JOCKEY CLUB

The Programmes and Entry Forms for the Easter Race Meeting 1954/55 to be held on Saturday 8th and Monday 11th April, 1955, (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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and the Far East said today that despite clear  
evidence of progress the real income per head  
of the population has remained in a state of relative  
stagnation and is still—nearly a decade after the  
war—below prewar level.

The survey, which covers 1954, was prepared  
by the Economic Commission for Asia and the  
Far East (ECAFE).

It said the problem of constant  
and excessive fluctuations in  
the prices of the region's major  
exports had kept Asian  
economies in a state of in-  
stability.

### SUSTAIN DEVELOPMENT

The survey also emphasised  
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in the region and the need  
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000).

Thus a \$3,000,000,000 (£1,071-  
000,000) gap has to be bridged  
while external aid at present is  
estimated at less than \$1,000-  
000,000 (£337,000,000).

The survey said that an annual  
inflow of \$3,000,000,000 (£1,071-  
000,000) would make all the  
difference between a stagnant  
economy and a developing one.

The survey noted a "welcome  
trend in the right direction" in  
the last two years and said most  
countries in the region had  
reviewed their laws and regula-  
tions governing foreign invest-  
ments.

### IRRIGATION

The survey said most of  
the countries in the region  
have concentrated their  
development programmes on  
irrigation and flood control.

It noted that this was "unlike  
mainland China which has con-  
centrated its efforts on the  
establishment of heavy in-  
dustries and the rapid creation  
of necessary transport and  
power facilities even at the  
cost of lowering the present  
consumption rate."

The other countries, the  
survey said, "have followed a  
policy of maintaining current  
consumption, and, therefore,  
have naturally proceeded slowly  
with the programme of in-  
dustrialisation. The develop-  
ment of consumer goods indus-

## US Disturbed Over Jap Reluctance

Washington, Mar. 27.  
United States officials are  
disturbed by the reluctance  
of the Japanese Govern-  
ment to accept private  
American investment capital  
which they feel can play  
an important role in  
restoring Japan's economic  
health.

"We have told Japanese  
authorities time and again that  
their Government should wel-  
come private capital from this  
country," one official said.

The Eisenhower Adminis-  
tration economic experts are  
convinced that it is in Japan's self-  
interest to encourage a greater  
flow of dollars into basic indus-  
tries. They feel that the Japan-  
ese investment laws are much  
too strict and that they are im-  
peding industrial growth.

The reluctance of the Japanese  
Government to adopt a more  
liberal investment policy is  
regarded here as a gap in the  
blueprint for rebuilding Japan  
into a prosperous nation and a  
major bulwark against Com-  
munist in the Far East.

**BLUEPRINT INCLUDES:**  
1. Continued United States spend-  
ing through the offshore procure-  
ment programme in Japan.  
2. Indirect economic aid.  
3. Tariff cuts on Japanese  
exports.

4. And sounder fiscal  
and economic policies on the part  
of the Japanese Government itself.  
The reason for the present  
policy — Japan's fear that  
foreign interests might other-  
wise capture control of indus-  
try — is not considered here to  
be valid because it is believed  
appropriate safeguards can be  
taken without keeping dollar  
capital away.

Anxious to see Japan move  
towards self-help policies,  
Washington is waiting with  
keen interest for the reaction  
of the Government to proposals  
by about six United States com-  
panies to invest a total of \$5-  
000,000 in various Japanese in-  
dustries—Reuters.

### Singer Once A Boxer



Don Cornell, American singing star in London for a variety tour, seen at his London hotel with Ron Barton, the West Ham cruiserweight. The boxing setup is explained by the fact that Cornell used to be a boxer, and uses the punch-bag as part of his "keep fit" routine.—Central Press Photo.

## EAST BERLIN RESTAURANTS WERE A 'MUST' FOR THE WEST Now They Are Nearly All Half Empty

Berlin, Mar. 27.  
Staffs of the state-owned restaurants in  
Communist East Berlin fear numerous dismissals  
now that the East German Government has made  
it too expensive for West Germans and West  
Berliners to eat and drink there.

The restaurants are half empty, for the prices  
are beyond the purse of the average East Berliner.

The Government said that  
West Germans must pay in these  
H.O. (Handelsorganisation) res-  
taurants in West German  
currency. The official exchange  
rate of East and West marks is  
fixed at one to one, although  
West Berlin exchange booths  
sell four to five East marks for  
one West mark.

Walters today look in vain  
for the usual guests from  
the "capitalist" West in  
East Berlin's "show places":  
the "Cafe Warschau" in  
Stalin Alley, the "Restau-  
rant Budapest," and the  
"Hotel Johannishof".

Privately, they say that they  
believe a general food shortage  
has prompted the East German  
Government to discourage  
Western guests.

The East Berlin restaurants  
had been magnets for West  
Berlin gourmets who could have  
on excellent Hungarian goulash,  
for instance, for half what it  
would have cost in West Berlin.

Now, each guest has to show  
identity card to the waiter be-  
fore he orders, and anyone  
found to loiter from the West  
German currency area is re-  
quired to pay in West marks.  
Little notes informing guests of  
this have been inserted in the  
bill of fare, and posters have  
been put up outside the res-  
taurants.

In the past, "hardly a table  
was ever available in the Cafe  
Warschau, a sumptuously de-  
corated place which was almost  
a "must" for every Western

### SURPRISE

Discreetly, the waiters  
asked for identity cards.  
When shown West Berlin  
passports they expressed  
surprise that anyone should  
be willing to come there and  
pay "good" West marks.

A cup of coffee costs 1.03  
marks (1s 5d sterling), about  
twice as much as in West Ber-  
lin and it is only half as good.  
A portion of goose costs 9.40  
marks (15s 10d) and a "Schnit-  
zel a la Holstein" 8.85 marks  
(14s 6d)—again twice as much  
as in West Berlin.

The new regulation also for-  
bids East Germans or Russians,  
who are frequent visitors to  
H.O. restaurants, to invite  
Western guests and pay for  
their food and drink. The wait-  
ers explained to startled guests  
the day after the regulation was  
issued that only one drink was  
allowed per person, and several  
Soviet officials reportedly  
have shared their meal and  
drink with their guests.

Small exceptions are made.  
For instance, East Berliners  
may invite Western friends to a  
cup of coffee or one glass of  
brandy. But if they order a  
bottle of wine the manager has  
to be consulted.

Waiters at the Johannishof  
told Western reporters that  
since the "mark for mark" re-  
gulation came into effect, they  
had not sold a single portion of  
Russian caviare, which costs  
14.80 marks for 50 grammes  
(slightly less than two ounces),  
and no bottles of the heavy  
sweetish champagne from the  
Crimia.

The new rule has deprived  
one West Berlin newspaper, the  
"Telegraf" of a daily feature. It  
used to send reporters to the  
H.O. restaurants and printed  
a column of licence numbers of  
West Berlin cars found parked  
there. West Berliners buying in  
East Berlin are considered un-  
patriotic.

**TOO SCARCE**  
The belief that the new  
regulation was caused by a  
food shortage, as supported  
by East German refugees,  
who say that foodstuffs in  
East Germany were more  
scarce this Christmas than  
last. Hardly any butter,  
eggs, almonds, or chocolate  
were available, they state.  
Fish, poultry and coffee  
were also scarce.

East German newspapers,  
during the autumn, constantly  
told the population to help  
with the harvest. Clerks, house-  
wives, and school children were  
ordered out on this work. There  
were numerous purges in ad-  
ministrative departments of "de-  
ficiencies" in farm supplies.

The chronic shortage of in-  
dustry and consumer goods long  
ago caused the East German  
authorities to forbid the sale of  
such goods to West Berliners for  
anything but Western currency.  
—China Mail Special

## SOUTH AFRICA FACING CRISIS OVER MAIZE

Salisbury, Mar. 27.  
Both South and Central Africa are facing a crisis due to the pro-  
duction and accumulation of surplus maize.

By the end of the season, the Union is expected to have a surplus  
of 26,000,000 bags, a year's consumption, of maize, the staple production of  
the African population.

The Maize Board has been  
meeting in Cape Town and is  
believed to have recommended  
that the present price of 31s a  
bag should be reduced to 30s.

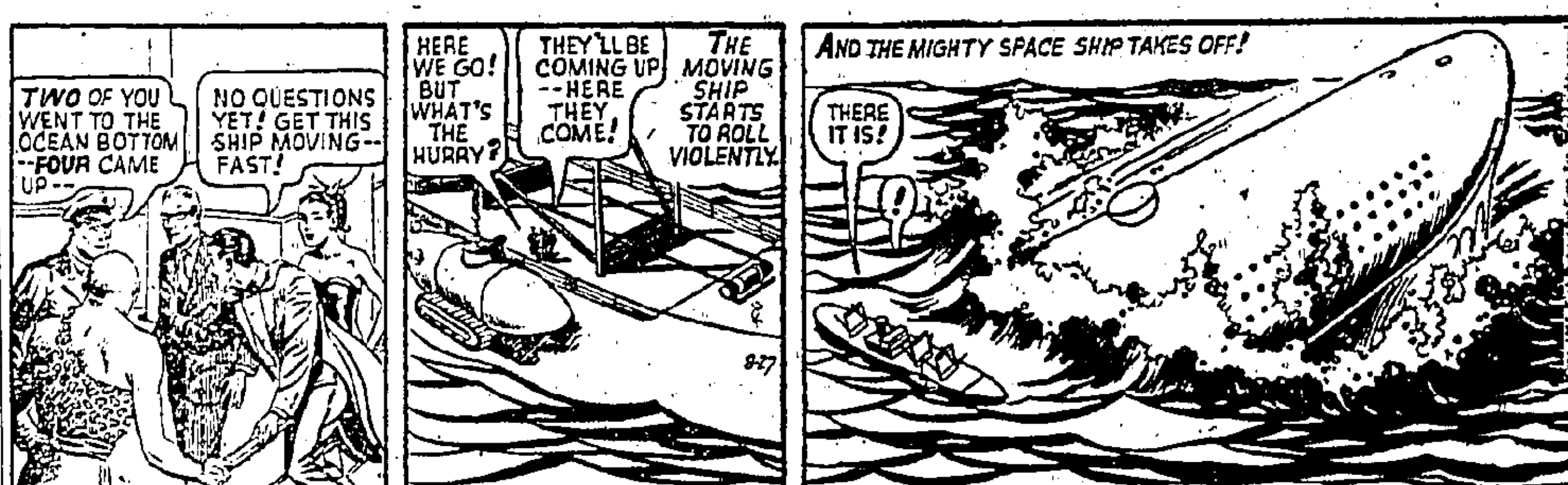
This is an important political  
decision and the cabinet can  
not make up its mind. The  
Maize Board's discussions have  
been postponed.

Farmers in both South Africa  
and Rhodesia argued that  
during and since the war, when  
world maize prices soared, they  
have been receiving very much  
less—sometimes about half the  
world price and that consequen-  
ly they are entitled to protection  
now. Nevertheless they have  
been doing well at current  
prices, hence the rise in produc-  
tion.

Production by African farm-  
ers has also increased and  
although their consumption has  
gone up, too, the African areas  
are now also producing a sur-  
plus. Plans are being in-  
vestigated in both territories for  
turning the surplus to stock  
food, but so far no really satis-  
factory solution appears to have  
been reached.—France-Press.

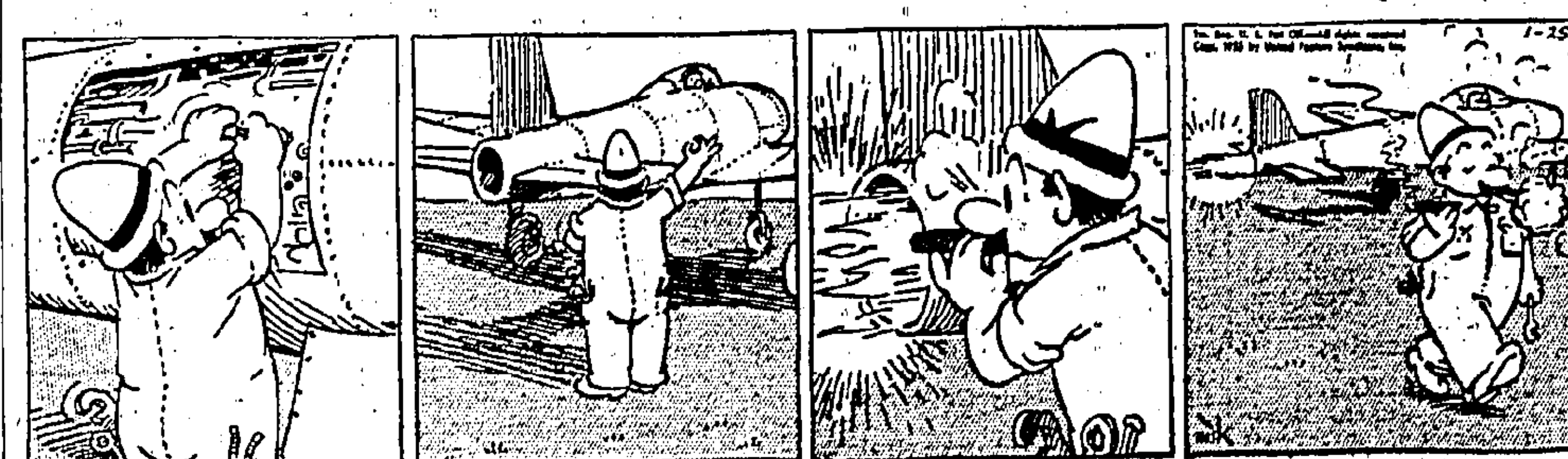
### MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



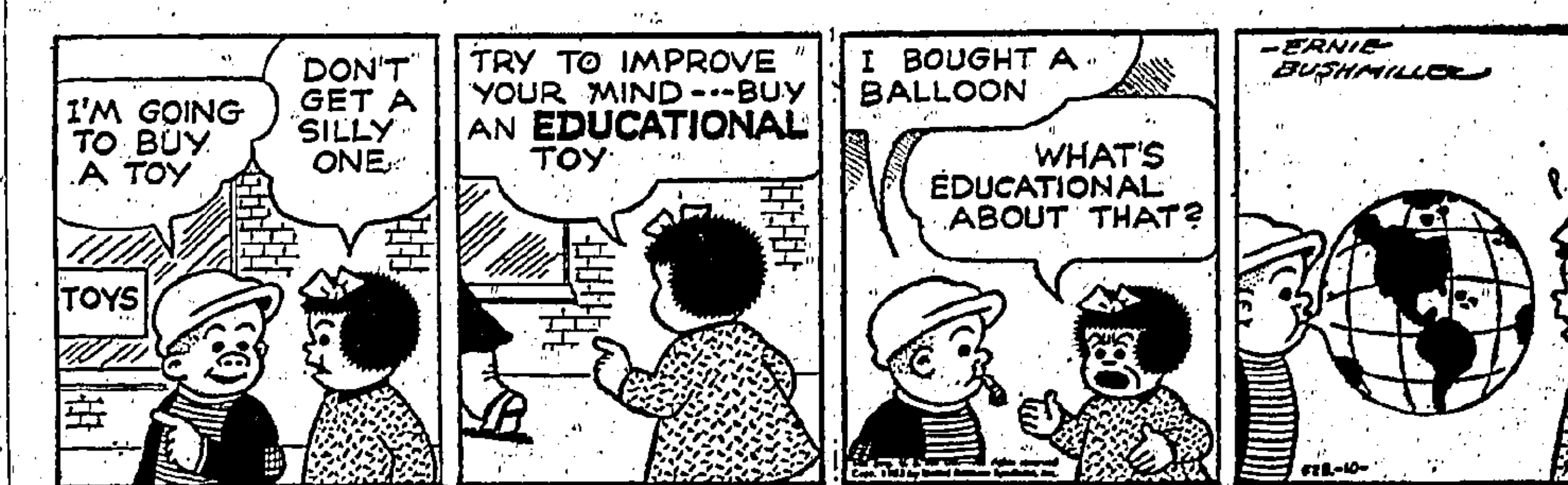
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By Ernie Bushmiller



### JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



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### MONDAY, MARCH 28

By Air

Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, 6  
p.m.

India, Middle East, Africa, Great  
Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 6 a.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

By Air

Japan, 8 a.m.

Pakistan, France, 9 a.m.

Philippines, 11 a.m.

Formosa, 1 a.m.

By Surface

Japan, 8 a.m.

N. Borneo, Australia, New Zea-  
land, 2 p.m.

Korea, 5 p.m.

Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, U.S.A.  
& Canada, 6 p.m.



## Alcohol, Depressant Not Stimulant

London, Mar. 27.  
Most of the ideas we have about alcohol and its effect on the human body are inaccurate.

These are some of the startling new findings of research.

● Alcohol is not a stimulant. It is the opposite—a depressant drug.

● It does not damage, directly, internal body cells.

● A regular drinker does not have a greater tolerance to alcohol than a non-drinker.

● Neither exercise, coffee nor other drugs can speed up the sobering process.

● Drunkenness, or sobriety, depend wholly on the ratio of alcohol to blood volume present in the blood stream.

Why has alcohol the reputation of being a stimulant, if it is not?

### THE ANSWER

The answer is that most persons, when sober, do not behave in an uninhibited way. Alcohol gradually paralyses the central nervous system, tending to affect first the outer layers of the brain, which act as our social and moral "watchdogs."

The effect is to release tendencies to behave in uninhibited fashion. On the surface, such behaviour appears to be that of a stimulated person.

As more alcohol is taken, deeper brain areas are put out of order. After inhibitions go muscular controls—speech, walking, ability to react to traffic signals, and so on. Eventually, if the deepest centres of the brain can be paralysed, the heart and breathing stop and the drinker dies.

Physicians now believe that the worst damage is done to the drinker as a total person, rather than to his brain cells, or heart or lungs. Alcohol in concentrations below 15 per cent does not seem to injure individual cells, and only those of the mouth, throat and stomach are exposed to it in such concentration. In fact, death commonly follows a blood-alcohol level of six to seven-tenths of one per cent.

Why, then, do some persons become noticeably drunk on one or two drinks, while others, confirmed and steady drinkers, behave quite normally and acceptably after a half-dozen whiskies?

### ONE EXPLANATION

One explanation lies in the fact that the steady drinker has learned to adjust to the quantity of alcohol in his blood. The regular drinker is like the sailor who can walk a pitching deck on which the landlubber cannot remain upright. Whether accustomed to alcohol or not, two men of the same size who drink the same amount will have the same proportion of alcohol in their blood and will be equally intoxicated.

It is not true that black coffee, a cold shower or strenuous activity will hasten sobering. Sobriety comes only with chemical destruction of alcohol in the body, and this process proceeds at a fairly uniform pace whether the drinker is asleep or awake, active or passive. The "remedies" will wake him up, but the biochemists point out, but he is really still just as intoxicated as his blood-alcohol level says he is.

What does the body do to alcohol? After we drink some alcohol, a small amount passes directly from the stomach into the blood stream. Most of it, however, enters the blood stream from the small intestine after passage through the stomach. Food already in the stomach, or food taken with the alcohol, slows down its absorption. This explains why a single cocktail on an empty stomach gives more "kick" than two or three drinks after a full meal. Beer and wine, which contain certain food elements and suspended solids, raise the blood-alcohol level more slowly than brandy, rum, whisky, or other distilled drinks.

### IN BLOOD STREAM

Once in the blood stream, alcohol quickly enters the other body liquids. Since 90 per cent of the blood is water, while water makes up only 70 per cent of the body as a whole, the concentration of alcohol to body tissues is generally only about three-fourths as high as it is in the blood. It is converted into energy and in the end into carbon dioxide and water at the rate of about three-eighths of an ounce per hour in an average man. Thus, a person who drank exactly that amount each hour would never become drunk—except perhaps by suggestion—despite the fact that he would consume eight ounces of alcohol—equivalent of a pint of rum or whisky—in 20 hours.

One bit of alcohol, folklore confirmed by scientists, is that champagne or sparkling wine "goes to one's head" faster than other alcoholic beverages. The reason: the gas dissolved in the bubbling wine is released in the stomach, and its pressure forces alcohol more quickly into the blood stream.

# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## TREASURY TELLS NATION

### Chancellor's Actions Explained In Bulletin For Industry

From Ronald Boxall

London, Mar. 27.

Strict measures taken recently by the Government to curb spending were the first hint many people had that British economy was running into trouble. But except for the vague talk about a worsening balance of payments it was not officially explained at the time what exactly had gone wrong.

Even the experts were a little bewildered at the suddenness of the change from "prosperity without inflation" to a situation in which it became necessary to raise the bank rate twice within a month, reimpose restrictions on hire purchase deals and authorise the Bank of England to take special measures in defence of sterling.

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Mar. 27.

Stocks took off for the moon when the Fulbright Committee ended its first public hearings on the stock market last week.

The list all but achieved near bull market, highs and nearly duplicated the wide gains of the week ended Mar. 4. That was the day the market set new tops.

Then it fell sharply, and rallied again with the upturn gaining in scope in the past week. The market rose each day except Monday when some profit-taking developed. It was restrained on Friday by the usual weekend operations.

### BIG DAY

Wednesday was the big day. In that session, the industrial average soared 6.40 points, its second best gain of 1954. Smaller gains were achieved in the other sessions.

For the week, the industrial average gained 10.02 points, railroad, 3.82 points and utility, 5.2 cents.

This was a week of atomic issues. Anything with an atom smell rose sharply. There were good gains, too, in electronics issues. Then the trading spread to metals, steels, motors, and finally to rails.

Some of the oils had good advances. Building issues moved up. Shipbuilding stocks were active and strong. Glass shares came to life late in the week and recorded wide gains.

The upturn reflected relief over the end of the hearings on the market, statements that no new market legislation is needed, and highly favourable business news.

### CHRYSLER SPORTS

Individual shares responded vigorously to news items about their companies.

Chrysler started when its financial Vice-President said earnings in January and February exceeded all of 1954. The issue closed the week with a gain of nearly 5 points.

General Motors was up more than a point. Automobile output broke all records for the week and indications were the first quarter production figure would set a new record. The rumour that the group was about to engage in production of nuclear power equipment was strong.

Combustion Engineering gained 14 1/4 points, Babcock & Wilcox, 17 points, and Worthington Corp., 8 1/2.

In the electronics group, Stromberg Carlson rose 7 1/2 and Zenith 11 1/2 points.—United Press.

### Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per \$1) 5.80; Sterling notes (per £1) 15.62; Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 15.20; Siam baht (per 100) 27.60; Singapore (Straits) 2.60; Indo-China piastres (per 100) 9.20.

### Signs of Strain

Thirdly, ominous signs of strain have appeared in the manpower position.

These three factors in the present inflationary situation are analysed in the Treasury's Bulletin for Industry.

Between October 1954 and the end of February imports rose £160 million or 12 per cent compared with the same period a year earlier. Exports on the other hand increased only £29 million or two and half per cent. As a result the trade "gap"—difference between imports and exports—increased by £131 million or 69 per cent.

More than half the increase in imports was accounted for by foodstuffs. Tea was the biggest item in this—all of the increase being due to higher prices. And more foreign grain was needed to make up for the poor harvest at home.

The rest of the increase was to feed Britain's thriving industries. Wood pulp, copper, paper and coal were the big items.

But not all of the higher imports bill was due to heavier purchases. Increase in prices played its part too.

ADDS £200 MILLION

Import prices were six per cent higher in January than a year earlier—and a rise of this order, other things being equal, adds £200 million to the nation's annual import bill. There was a marked rise in the price of foodstuffs, and manufactured goods, basic materials and fuel all cost more.

Higher import prices have had an immediate effect on the balance of payments; but indirectly they can help the United Kingdom. Other sterling countries which supply a large part of the world's raw materials stand to gain and this benefits the gold reserves. And in the long run, higher prices mean bigger incomes in primary producing countries which thus have more to spend on imports, including those from Britain.

Britain cannot take advantage of this unless her exports are competitive. In an attempt to keep them so prices have been held stable over the past year—but still Britain is losing ground to other countries.

The Bank of France Statement

Paris, Mar. 27.  
The Bank of France statement for the week ended March 17, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings... 20,281,591,625  
Total foreign currencies... 11,601,177,641  
Total balance abroad... 7,322,222,019

Advanced to Govt... 12,000,000,000  
Sizable fund... 1,181,077,254,897  
Total balance in circulation... 2,394,674,497,335

Current account and deposits... 112,325,491,797  
—United Press.

### Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Mar. 27.  
The rubber market ruled quiet last Saturday and prices edged toward the close.

Futures:  
No. 1 rubber per lb. 88 1/2  
No. 2 rubber per lb. 88 1/2  
No. 3 rubber per lb. 88 1/2  
No. 4 rubber per lb. 88 1/2  
Spot rubber unbleached... 88 1/2  
Blanket crepe... 88 1/2  
No. 1 crepe pale... 88 1/2  
—United Press.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$162,440. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

### SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS  
HS Bank... 1560

INSURANCES  
Underwriters 10.20 65 @ 48

SHIPPING  
Asia Nav... 75c

DOCKS, ETC.  
K. Wharf... 68

Dock XD... 24.70

Provident (O)... 12.10

KAIL... 7.10 7.25

LAND, ETC.  
HK Hotel... 18.70 17.50 200 @ 17

Land XD 64 1/2 65 700 @ 65

Vital Land... 25.90

Humphreys XD... 25.90

Really... 197 1/2 202 1/2

UTILITIES  
Tram XD... 20 20 1/2

Small Ferry... 114

C. Light (O) 17.10 17.50 100 @ 17.50

C. Light (N) 13.50 14.10 500 @ 17.70

Electric... 33 33 1/2 1700 @ 35 1/2

Telephone... 25 1/2

INDUSTRIALS  
Central... 20 1/2 20 5/8 500 @ 20 1/2

XALL... 25 1/2 25 5/8 500 @ 25 1/2

Rope... 17.70

STORES, ETC.  
Dairy... 22.50

Dairy (N)... 20.70

L. Crawford... 25

OPTIONALS  
Textile Corp... 6.10

MISCELLANEOUS  
Globe... 4.80 1000 @ 4.80

Alfred... 4.80

U.S. RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Mar. 27.

Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in sales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1954-55 season to Mar. 22 were as follows:

Britain... 372,518

Continental... 1,363,612

Orient... 836,083

Canada... 191,293

Total for season... 2,763,286

Sales to date... 2,222,724

—excluding Britain—United Press.

### US TUNG OIL IMPORTS

Washington, Mar. 27.

Tung oil imports into the United States in 1954 increased to 13,239 short tons, the largest quantity purchased since 1950, the last year of large imports from China, the Agriculture Department reported today.

United Press.

### AUSTRALIA AND US TO PROMOTE JOINT VENTURES

Washington, Mar. 27.

The United States and Australia have entered a new agreement to promote joint business ventures. It was announced here today.

The Foreign Operations Administration (FOA) announced extension of its contact clearing house service to Australia. This FOA service encourages the flow of American capital abroad by gathering and disseminating investment proposals.

"Once the contact (between United States and foreign businessmen) has been established FOA withdraws," the announcement said.

"It makes no investigation into the affairs of private businessmen, nor does it intervene in negotiations between them."

CO-OPERATION  
In co-operation with the Australian Government and United States diplomatic and consular offices, the FOA has enlisted the aid of chambers of commerce in six Australian states to serve as volunteer field counsellors.

The FOA said: "Australia's economy is developing over a wide range of industries in keeping with her rapidly increasing population and her status as an important new continent."

The Australian Government also planned a special exhibit entitled "US capital participation in Australia" which opened at Rockefeller Centre, New York, on March 25. Some 22 US corporations with investments in Australia participated.—United Press.

## No Increase In Cotton Acreage

Washington, Mar. 27.

The Senate reversed itself last Saturday and killed a bill to increase cotton acreage after grain state Senators added a provision that also would have raised wheat acreage allotments.

In its final form the bill would have increased cotton and wheat acreage by 1 1/4 per cent of the 1955 acreage allotment for each producing state.

It rejected the whole bill.

Defeat of the bill all but ended hopes of cotton state Senators to get increased acreage for smaller allotments.

Backers of the measure doubted that any other legislation could be adopted in time to affect this year's spring planting.—United Press.

## France Will Tell OEEC

Paris, Mar. 27.

France is to take the official step of notifying OEEC on April 1, of the raising of her import liberalisation to 75 per cent from 65 per cent, the French Finance Ministry announced.

The 75 per cent rate was unofficially instituted last January by the addition of 300 items to the liberalisation list. The new list was not submitted to the OEEC at that time.

It is believed the official list may include some alterations to the tentative January schedule and will not include textiles.—China Mail Special.

## Pan American Middle East Air Holding

Washington, Mar. 27.

Pan American World Airways announced that it has relinquished its 36 per cent interest in Middle East Airlines to Saeb Bey Salama of the Lebanon.

It said that Saeb Bey Salama is the principal stockholder of Middle East Airlines, as well as its President. Officials of the line said that their relations with Middle East Line will continue as before.—United Press.

## Uncertainty Kept London Markets In Cautious Mood

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Mar. 28.

The London Stock Exchange was in another of its cautious moods last week.

Nothing actually happened that could be said to have put prices either up or down; but certain things that might happen kept the main body of investors out of the markets. And with activity down to a minimum price movements in each direction tended to be exaggerated.

Reports that Sir Winston Churchill will shortly hand over the Premiership to Sir Anthony Eden have not been denied and chances of an early election are now rated high. With the Labour Party split from top to bottom on the Ewan issue few people still seriously believe in the possibility of a Socialist victory, but investors must take even the most unlikely contingency into consideration.

Of more immediate importance to the market was the announcement that Australia will cut her imports and the growing pessimism about Budget prospects.

MAY TRIM EXPORTS  
The Australian import cuts may trim British exports to this important market by as much as 30 or 40 million pounds, and the bulk of this loss will fall on the textile and motor industries. Shares in both these sections were marked down on the news, but motor shares improved later in the belief that the industry would be able to offset the loss by raising exports to other markets.

Textiles are not so happily placed, however. The industry is suffering from shrinking export markets on the one hand and increasing competition from imported cloth on the other. Australian cuts are a further severe blow and will no doubt hasten Government action to prevent depression in the industry.

BUDGET INFLUENCE  
The Budget, now only three weeks away, has, of course, a major influence on the market. Its outcome is more uncertain than ever this year. The optimists who are hoping for tax reductions argue that as it will probably be the last Budget before a general election it will be a "popular" one.

This theory is bolstered by the fact that the present financial year will end this week showing a large surplus of revenue over expenditure with a still larger surplus in prospect for next year even if taxation is left unchanged.

But few investors are prepared to back this theory with money. The various disinflationary medicine's administered by the Chancellor a few weeks ago have only just begun to do their work and there is now a growing fear that their effect will be cancelled by additional spending power generated by recent large wage awards. In any case it is unlikely that the Chancellor would risk undermining his present policy by introducing an inflationary Budget.

These various cases of uncertainty all played their part in the fall of prices in both the gilt-edged and industrial in the first half of last week. The Financial Times Industrial share index dropped 5 1/2 to 177 1/2 in the first two days, and sharp losses were recorded among Government stocks with War Loan 3 1/2 per cent down 30s.

BEAR COVERING  
Bear covering helped the subsequent rally. Prices finished above their worst, but most stocks and shares lost ground on balance. War Loan 3 1/2 per cent was 7s 6d lower at £85 and losses among industrials ranged to about one shilling. Oils followed the trend of the industrial share market and price ended generally lower with British Petrol down 2s 8d to 72s and Shell 15s 6d to 127s 6d.

Coppers were firm on the higher metal price which received a further boost on Friday on news of the strike in Chile. Veldags were 18s 3d better at £13 6d and Rhodesian Anglo-American were up 4s to 98s.

South African gold shares rallied after midweek helped by the good Anglo-American dividend and profits, but turned easier on Friday following the South African Budget.

## EVERETT ORIENT LINE

Fast regular freight—refrigerator—passenger service to Korea, Japan, Philippines, Indo-China, Siam, Malaya, Rangoon, Calcutta and Chittagong.

### "LENEVERETT"

Arrives Mar. 28 from Singapore.

Sails Mar. 29 for Kobe & Yokohama.

### "BRADEVERETT"

Arrives Apr. 3 from Manila.

Sails Apr. 4 for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon, Chittagong & Calcutta.

(Accepting cargo for transshipment Kobe/Fusan and Kobe/Okinawa)

## EVERETT STAR LINE

Fast regular freight—refrigerator service to Japan, Malaya, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi and Persian Gulf.

(Subject to inducement for direct call Korea)

### "THAI"

Arrives Apr. 16 from Singapore.

Sails Apr. 16 for Kobe & Yokohama.

### "STAR ARCTURUS"

Arrives Apr. 18 from Japan.

Sails Apr. 18 for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Khorramshahr, Basrah, Kuwait & Bahrain.

(LIMITED PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION)

(Accepting cargo for transshipment Kobe/Fusan and Kobe/Okinawa)

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### FAST PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

"CAMBODGE" sailing Apr. 9th

"MEINAM" sailing May 20th

### FAST FREIGHT SERVICE

"CAMBODGE" sailing Apr. 21st



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